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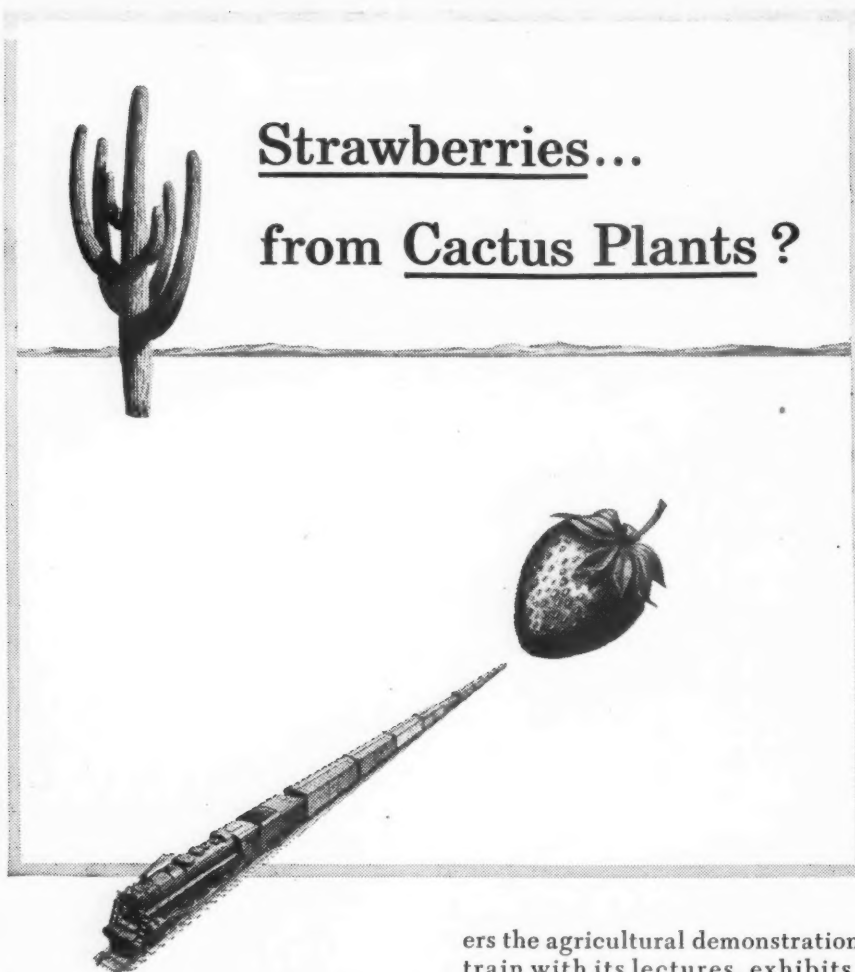
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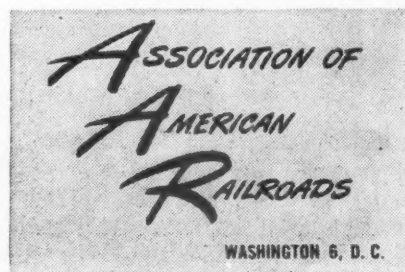
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He expressed the sentiments of a free-thinking, freedom-loving, independent believer in free enterprise. I suggest that the public relations committee should do a little missionary work among our own folks, by sending a copy of Mr. Edwards' remarks, in specially printed form, to the address of every known producer of livestock in the U.S.A.

Now let me get something off my chest that has bothered me for some years; viz., all the livestock publications are criticizing the Washington bureaucrats for their policies toward the stock

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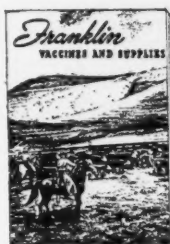
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Letters To The Editor

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raiser in the administration of our public lands—and I believe justly; but in the same issue you will find long, dry articles that I suppose is free space, with maybe three or four engraving jobs, and whose authors are cogs in that same bureau.

Ninety per cent of that stuff is either impractical or has been known to every practical cowman for years.—J. C. Amworth, Sr., Roosevelt County, N.M.

LET'S HOPE—Southern Arizona has had no rain yet, but the clouds look promising. Cattle are in good condition and came into the summer strong and fat. If our rains come around July 1, we shall have plenty of fat calves by next fall.—Doris Seibold, Santa Cruz County, Ariz.

CHEERING REPORT—Enclosed is (renewal) subscription. We look forward to every issue and feel that you are doing a good job of keeping the stockmen informed. Have had some very welcome rain in this section and feed is good.—David White, Lemhi County, Idaho.

BEST—HIGHEST—We've had the best growing season ever, but the lakes are higher than ever.—F. E. Messersmith, Box Butte County, Nebr.

THE BRANNAN PUZZLE—Recent rains and snow on higher levels will put range and feed conditions up to normal. . . . Not many cattle being contracted, as feeders are going to be very cautious. The Brannan plan has everyone guessing as to what effect it will have economically.—H. H. Langman, Yellowstone County, Mont.

MUCH RAIN—We have had considerably above normal rainfall this spring, accompanied by destructive wind and hail. It is estimated that the wheat crop is cut one-third from above average. Spring planting of crops is greatly delayed. Grass is making a wonderful growth.—Thomas Swanson, Kiowa County, Okla.

EVERY BIT HELPS—Am enclosing my dues for 1949; also a contribution for the public relations fund. I am only a small operator but feel every stock grower, whether big or small, should help in this work . . . We had a pretty tough winter here, but got through without loss and stock is looking fine now. Have had some good rains and grass is looking good.—F. M. Walker, Lyman County, S.D.

EVERYTHING FINE—Everything looks as fine in this section of the country as I ever saw it.—Edgar Boles, Weston County, Wyo.

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Reasons for Livestock Supremacy

WHY animal husbandry is important in the economy of this country is aptly explained by H. F. Breimyer of the BAE. Says he: "Raising of livestock is one of the basic industries of agriculture and of the nation. Some livestock are raised on almost every one of the approximately 6,000,000 farms. . . . In 1948 farmers received about 13.5 billion dollars from sale of livestock and livestock products such as eggs, milk and butterfat. This value was 55 per cent of farmers' total receipts."

The Department of Commerce reports total personal consumption expenditures in the United States were 165 billion dollars in 1947. Of this, points out Mr. Breimyer, "just under 50 billions, or 29 per cent, were expenditures for food. Since the value of meat, milk, eggs and other livestock products consumed as food is roughly one-half that of all food, consumers' expenditures for food products of livestock are probably close to 15 per cent of all expenditures. Expenditures for

those products in 1947 were at least as large as those for clothing, or for current cost of housing. They far exceeded those for automobiles."

In a recent BAE comparison study, it was found that in 1939 farmers' receipts from livestock and products, exclusive of the sales from one farmer to another, were about 4 billion dollars. All other receipts from farm products, less inter-farm sales, were about 6.7 billions.

"Finally," the report sums up, "in recent years consumers have obtained about one-fourth of the caloric value of their foods from meat, milk and eggs. The proportion rises to around one-third or more when animal fats such as butter and lard are included. For certain nutritive elements, such as calcium, livestock products are by far the largest source."

Figures like these should make it clear to anyone that the livestock business contributes vitally to the economy of the country and to the well-being of its citizens.

MISSED THE BOAT AGAIN



standard of living be if we could all buy the way the army buys?

The situation would be corrected by an amendment sponsored by Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada to the army appropriation bill. The industry is entitled to this amendment which would prohibit such purchases except in justifiable emergencies.

Trouble for All

IF CONGRESS passes the Brannan plan for hog growers we are in for trouble. A bill authorizing payments to hog producers was introduced last month. Its course through Congress is uncertain. There is stiff opposition to the measure.

But if it should become law the hog growers' destiny would then certainly depend upon the generosity of Congress—and when Congress cuts down spending, as it surely must do sometime, a low market price (which is one of the objectives of the plan) will be all that the hog growers will have left.

Briefly, the Brannan plan wants lower prices for consumers (the commodities would seek their own price levels) and insured incomes for farmers. Obviously it would be designed to promote abundant production—which on a free market means low prices.

The hog grower, however, is not the only one who would get into trouble if the plan became a law. In fact, the first ones to suffer would be those who produce meat that is competitive with pork. The cattleman can't compete with a hog grower who is getting subsidy payments from the government—and yet the cattleman does not favor subsidies for his own industry. It looks like a left-handed way of making other meat growers come to terms.

Temporarily the plan might seem to work in giving hog men an increased production at remunerative prices, but when the blow-up finally came it would be bad for everybody.

Here's How

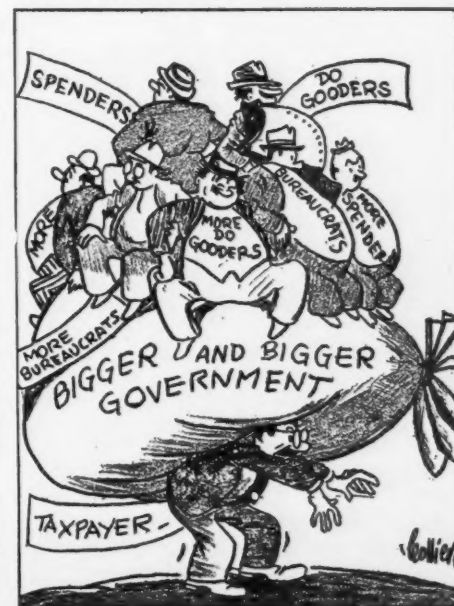
We like a recent example of what can be done by a good active cowman sold on an idea and willing to get out and work for it.

At the June convention of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association Maurice Williams of Sundance did one fine job of getting contributions for the American National's public relations fund. He wound up with over \$1,000 in special contributions.

At the risk of sounding repetitious, we're going to suggest that the same thing can be done on behalf of membership in the American National. Every member of the association can be a missionary, by "talking it up" every chance he gets. The more he does for the association, the more he gains for himself and for each new joiner he signs up.

We've got a good hot item on our hands . . . let's sell it!

THE GROWING LOAD



False Saving

SUPPOSE consumers in this country could supply all their needs direct from outside sources at the lower costs that prevail in foreign countries. The consumers would save money, wouldn't they? But would such a business be fair?

Yet that is the way the army does business in some of its purchases. Recently it authorized procurement of \$14,000,000 in meat from South America for troop consumption overseas—at a considerable saving to be sure. But what about the stockmen of the United States whose high taxes go partly to support the very army that thus "saves" this money?

Is the stockman not entitled to bid for the business on a fair basis, taking into consideration his high taxes and high operating costs? Where would our

AERIAL VIEW OF DOWNTOWN MIAMI



The buildings and locations identified in this picture will mark the center of activities when the American National Live Stock Association convenes Jan. 5-7, 1950, in Florida.

(Structure No. 4, the McAllister Hotel, will be headquarters for this 53rd annual meeting.)

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| 1. Municipal Auditorium. | 9. Bayfront Park Band Shell. | 15. San Carlos Hotel. | 23. Main Post Office. |
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| 3. Flagler Street. | | 17. and 18. Plaza Hotel. | 25. Berni Hotel. |
| 4. McAllister Hotel. | 10. Towers Hotel. | 19. Urmey Hotel. | 26. Union Bus Terminal. |
| 5. Columbus Hotel. | 11. Patricia Hotel. | 20. El Comodoro Hotel. | 27. City Yacht Basin. |
| 6. Miami Colonial Hotel. | 12. Robert Clay Hotel. | 21. Dade County Court House. | —Miami News Bureau Photo. |
| 7. Everglades Hotel. | 13. Dallas Park Hotel. | 22. Florida East Coast Railway | |
| 8. Alcazar Hotel. | 14. Ritz Hotel. | —Passenger Station. | |

Miami Offers Much to National Cattlemen

IF YOU'VE been toying with the idea of attending the 1950 convention of the American National Live Stock Association in Florida, come January, you'd better get busy and solidify a few plans. Already on the books is the largest number of requests for reservations (this far in advance) in the history of the organization—a fair indication that this should mean the greatest attendance the National has ever had at an annual meeting . . . And it shouldn't be too surprising to anyone that 97 per cent of the requests are being made for double reservations—so it's pretty obvious that the ladies are really going to be right there with their menfolk.

For a quick run-through of all the pertinent facts, here's the data:

The meetings will take place in Miami Jan. 5-7, with an executive committee session set for the 4th. Nationally prominent speakers are being lined up for the

program and there should be no doubt in anyone's mind about the generous sideline entertainment that will be available on every hand. (More about that in a moment.)

The headquarters hotel is the McAllister; there will be no dearth of facilities, and several other fine hotels close by will also be used. Prices for single rooms will be \$6 and up; for double accommodations they'll run \$10-\$18. No deposit is required . . . but in making your reservation—or as soon thereafter as possible—you should give complete information as to the type of accommodations you desire, how many in the party, etc.), and when you intend to arrive in and depart from the convention city.

The Miami Convention Bureau is already stirrup-deep in plans for the meeting, and the committee on convention arrangements under the chairmanship of cattleman John Dupuis, Jr., has

been highly active for some weeks with schemes aimed at making the 53rd meeting in the southern vacationland something to be long remembered by Mr. and Mrs. and Junior Stockman.

The convention program itself will be so arranged that there will be adequate time for sightseeing and visiting. A banquet and floor show are scheduled for the last evening, and Thursday evening the livestock men and their families will be guests at a "hospitality night."

The visitors can take in a four-hour scenic boat trip and will also have an opportunity to go over to Cuba. For those who want to try their luck at deep-sea fishing, boats can be reasonably hired for small groups or larger parties. With all the many kinds of game fish to go after, there's a plot tentatively cooking for a fishing contest, with prizes for the most successful anglers. We cattlemen

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Public Relations Endeavors Showing Results



Members of the American National's public relations committee, on hand for the midyear meeting at Sheridan, Wyo., in June. In the front row (left to right): Horace H. Henning, New Mexico; Charles Myers, Wyoming; Carl Malone, Montana; George Evans, New Mexico; E. A. Phillips, secretary, Montana Stockgrowers Association; L. B. Hapgood, Texas; Radford Hall, assistant executive secretary, American National Live Stock Association, Colorado; Norman Barlow, Wyoming; Claude Olson, South Dakota.

Second row (left to right): Frank C. Armer, Arizona; Sherman Guttridge, Oregon; John Crosby, Jr., Nevada; John Guthrie, California; Don Short, North Dakota; F. E. Mollin, executive secretary, American National Live Stock Association, Colorado; Alan Rogers, chairman of the committee, Washington; Ray Swanson, Idaho; Frank Fehling, Colorado; Lloyd Case, Colorado Livestock Industry Council, Colorado; Bruce Brockett, Arizona; F. H. Sinclair, public relations advisor, Sheridan, Wyo.

Not in the picture: Walter Dansie, Utah; P. E. Williams, Florida; Herbert J. Barr, Kansas; Irwin Adamson, Nebraska; William B. Wright, Nevada; J. M. McLemore, Louisiana; E. G. Hayward, New Mexico.

At the meeting, plans were outlined for continuing the program laid down earlier in the year. Objectives framed by

the 19-man group which is made up of representatives of the cattle producing states, all operating livestock producers, fall into three general lines of activity. These are: (1) awakening the naturally individualistic livestock man to the need for better relationship with the consumer and the public; (2) a better understanding and cooperation among conservation, sportsman and business groups and the livestock producer; (3) publicizing the contribution livestock is making to the nation's health and economy.

In thus enumerating the chief aims of the committee he heads, Chairman Alan Rogers of Ellensburg, Wash., goes on to say, "Our committee is not a policy making body. Our particular job is to interpret and publicize the national policies which are set up by the membership of the American National so that the public may know the objectives and some of the problems involved in meat animal production. . . . We would like the public to know that livestock production is not all glamour, but that it performs a very constructive function in supplying the nation's main item of diet and that it is a business rather than a way of life."

Mr. Rogers commented on the present, more favorable attitude by the nation's press in explaining that the livestock producer does not fix his own selling price but that his returns are determined by what the consumer is willing to pay.

Kendrick Heads Wyoming Assn.

MEMBERS of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, whose state experienced one of its stiffest winter seasons last year, had a lot of reminiscing and comparing to do when they gathered at Sheridan for their 77th annual convention, June 7-9. Despite any hardship occasioned by the severity of the winter and any consequent losses, there was a cheerful atmosphere as the stockmen moved through the sessions filled with speeches, committee reports, election of officers and the transaction of other business incident to an annual assembly.

New officers include, as successor to Clarence Gardner of Thermopolis in the

presidency, Manville Kendrick of Sheridan, son of the late U. S. Senator John B. Kendrick who in 1919-21 was head of the American National Live Stock Association; Lloyd Taggart, Cody, vice-president, and Myrna F. Agee, assistant secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Agee's appointment, as well as that of Norman Barlow of Cora to the chairmanship of the executive committee, were re-elections.

Although re-appointed at the convention to the post of secretary and chief inspector which he had held for many years, Russell Thorp of Cheyenne has resigned because of ill health. Selection of a successor to Mr. Thorp is to be made by a committee composed of President Kendrick, Executive Committee Chairman Barlow and Vice-President Taggart. "Filling of the position is of vital concern to the stockmen of the state," said Mr. Kendrick, "and there will be no haste in the choice of a new secretary.

All applications for the position will be carefully reviewed."

The cattlemen selected Cody as the convention city of 1950.

In making his presidential report, the outgoing leader, Clarence Gardner, told the stockmen that their association is "one organization that harbors no pink fellow travelers." He urged the individual to take a deep interest in this country's government and decried the universal apathy of many citizens.

Dr. G. H. Good, executive officer of the live stock and sanitary board, Cheyenne, reported on auction sales inspection and Mrs. Joe Watt of Moorcroft, president of Wyoming's CowBelles, spoke of her group's activities.

A discussion of the activities of the organization he heads followed by President A. A. Smith of the American National, after which Harry J. Boyts of



In a ceremony which took place during the Wyoming Stock Growers' convention, brand inspection diplomas were awarded to a group which included the only woman who has ever been qualified, by both experience and examination, to engage in this line of work. Left to right: Hugh Stemler, chairman of the state's brand and theft committee; Raymon Combs, Kenneth Smith, Russell Thorp, Joe Oxley and Elsa Smith, receiving her certificate from President Clarence Gardner.

Sioux City, Ia., gave an illustrated talk on livestock bruises.

Alan Rogers, chairman of the National's public relations committee, emphasized in his speech that the stockman is a business man. He spoke of the need to bring concrete facts about his business before the public. Paul Friggens of the Farm Journal urged the cattlemen to give full support to their state and local associations and also stressed the need of giving the public true facts.

F. E. Mollin of Denver, executive secretary of the American National, reported on the work of his office. On the following morning the stockmen heard an address by Stephen H. Hart of Denver, attorney for the National Live Stock Tax Committee, and by Leslie A. Miller of Cheyenne, chairman of the natural resources task force on the Hoover Commission. The session concluded with a speech by Palmer Hoyt, editor and publisher of the Denver (Colo.) Post. Mr. Hoyt recommended formation of a commission to deal with problems raised by the conflict between the Forest Service and the stockmen.

Representative Frank A. Barrett that same afternoon told the stockgrowers that he believed transfer of the Forest Service to the Department of the

Interior would make for more efficient government.

Interest ran high in a discussion of grasshopper control, and further addresses were delivered by Elden Keith of Kaycee, president of the Wyoming State Grange, and Brig. Gen. R. L. Es-may, adjutant general of the state of Wyoming who had been very active in bringing relief to snowbound sections last winter. A colored movie on natural resources of the state was shown by Col. H. C. Anderson of Cheyenne, secretary-manager of the Wyoming Commerce and Industry Commission.

The Wyoming resolutions urged inclusion of the peril-point clause in any extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act; protested further federal acquisition of privately owned lands; commended the work of the American Livestock and Meat Board and the American Meat Institute.

"Unalterably opposed" was any such plan as the Brannan farm proposal; the Hoover report was endorsed in principle; asked was amendment of the Pittman-Robinson Act so that moneys now provided for land purchase be used for other purposes in the interest of fish



On hand for the recent Wyoming convention (left to right) Clarence Grieve, Lander; Sandford Mills, Lander, and Sam Hyatt, Hyattville, a past president of the Wyoming association.

and wildlife in states now more than 25 per cent federally administered.

The cattlemen urged vigorous prosecution of the present foot-and-mouth program, and asked for repeal of the Swan Island quarantine station law. Appreciation was expressed for the cooperative efforts of state and federal agencies and of the railroads in the recent winter storms. Opposition was registered to the repeal or revision of the present Federal Livestock Confinement Act. The proposed Moorhead Dam was protested, and the cattlemen stated opposition also to transfer of the Bureau of Land Management from the Interior Department to the USDA.

It was urged that transfer cuts be entirely discontinued; Congress was requested to enact protective legislation against trespass of livestock on the national forests; the Forest Service was asked for continued cooperation in establishing game numbers for local areas.

Continuance of a National Guard citizens' military force was recommended, and the Dude Ranchers Association was commended for its understanding of matters of mutual interest.

Nebraskan Offers Own Farm Plan

NEBRASKA Stock Growers were offered a program replete with information, exchanges of ideas and pleasant after-session activities when they held their 60th annual convention at Alliance, June 9-11.

All of the officers of the association were re-elected. They are: Dr. C. R. Watson, Mitchell, president; J. H. Vinton, Gordon, vice-president, and W. A. Johnson, Alliance, secretary-treasurer. The city of Alliance, despite stiff opposition from others in the state, again was chosen as the convention city, for the 1950 meeting.

Very close to 1,000 persons were present when Dr. Watson called the convention to order; among out-of-state visitors was F. E. Mollin of Denver, Colo., executive secretary of the American National. Speakers included Val Peterson, governor of the state; Harry B. Coffee, president of the Omaha Union Stock Yards Company; Paul J. Hackett, executive vice-president of Agricultural Lands, Inc., London, Ohio.

Paul Friggens, associate editor of Farm Journal, John C. Milton, manager of the sales and service division of the American Meat Institute, Chicago, and Congressman L. A. Miller, a member of the Hoover Commission, completed the list of speakers for the business sessions. At the evening banquet which concluded the annual meeting, Dr. Watson served as toastmaster and the feature address was delivered by Senator Kenneth S. Wherry.

Chief target of most of the remarks by the speakers generally was the pro-

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Dr. C. R. Watson of Mitchell, re-elected president of the Nebraska Stock Growers at their June convention in Alliance.



posed Brannan farm plan. In the words of Mr. Coffee, the "trial run" on hogs which the agriculture secretary has asked Congress to authorize would let the "camel get his nose under the tent." Senator Wherry thought that the program would lead to "control of every head of cabbage and every head of cattle." The legislator offered, instead, his own suggestions for a farm plan based on greater use of fuel alcohol made from crops, stockpiling of foods, feeds and fibres in times of abundance and a subsidized two-price export system for disposing of surpluses. Congressman Miller called the Brannan plan "a political Christmas tree" which would aim at "giving something to everyone."

Paul Friggens urged greater attention to, and more generous financing of, the public relations program, and John C. Milton also dwelt on the great need for educating the people about meat, through advertisements, etc.

Resolutions adopted at Alliance called for a peril-point clause in reciprocal trade; commended agencies which provided storm relief last winter; endorsed the National Live Stock Tax Committee's work, the Taft-Hartley labor law and the fight against foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico.

In line for praise were the activities of the state college of agriculture, the American Meat Institute, the National Livestock and Meat Board, and the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board.

The stockmen asked for establishment of uniform sanitary rules on interstate livestock shipments, and recommended that the 28-hour law be retained in its present form.

The Nebraska Junior Stock Grow-

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ers Association, founded 10 years ago at Alliance, held its annual convention June 9-11 in the same city, at the same time as the seniors convened. Around 60 members and guests signed in for the youngsters' meeting, which was presided over by Gene Gerdes of Alliance, head of the organization.

Following the treasurer's report by Rex Messersmith of Alliance (which showed a good financial standing) the group heard a round-table discussion on the subject, "Should Ranch Boys and Girls Plan for an Education above High School?" It was decided that higher education is a good thing, if the person has the practical experience also; it was agreed that most ranch boys and girls have such practical experience.

Henrietta Huffman of North Platte, secretary of the National Juniors (Gene Gerdes is the treasurer) made a report on the meeting of that association held at North Platte last January. Guest speaker of the second-day session was Dr. C. R. Watson of Mitchell, president of the Nebraska Stock Growers. During the business meeting which followed, officers were elected for the coming year. They are: James Monahan, Hyannis, president; Bernard Becker, Ashby, vice-president; Dorothy McGinley, Lisco, secretary-treasurer.

F. E. Messersmith of Alliance, who had ably guided the young stock growers since their organization, retired from active sponsorship because of poor health and was named to an honorary position.

Succeeding him, Guy Baker of the North Platte experiment station was named sponsor.

Other business included the voting of a contribution to the American National Juniors; naming of Alliance as the repeat site for next year's meeting; the setting up of a public relations committee, and a start on plans for the National convention in Florida next January which will be attended by many of the Juniors. (Eleven states and the National now have junior associations.)

Federal Planning On Mont. Slate

THE 65th annual convention of the Montana Stockgrowers Association got off to a good start at Missoula with a well received address by President Milton C. Simpson in which he expressed disapproval of the Brannan plan and urged careful consideration of the Hoover reorganization program, and the secretary's report in which E. A. Phillips set the record membership of the organization at 4,022 and described the financial condition of the association as strong.

A unique touch was added to the Montana convention badges this year: There was no printing on the attached purple ribbons. Instead, the brand of each member was painted on them in gold.

Speaker Albert K. Mitchell, Albert, N. M., a past president of the American
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Officers and committeemen of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. Front row (left to right): Jack Milburn, Grass Range, second vice-president; Milton Simpson, Volborg, president; C. K. Warren, Deer Lodge, first vice-president. Back row: Thomas Ross, chairman of the lands and legislation committee; Dan Fulton, Ismay, executive committee member; Mark Clemow, Jackson, executive committeeman; Jack Brenner, Grant, executive committeeman; E. A. Phillips, Helena, secretary.

CONVENTION SHOTS FROM FOUR STATES

A group of officers at the North Dakota convention. Left to right: Charles F. Adams, Lansford, president of the Mouse River Cattlemen's Association and a newly appointed director of the North Dakota association; John Eaton, Denbigh, retiring president; Thor Naaden, Braddock, new vice-president; Odd Osteroos, Minot, secretary; John Hanson, Bowman, president-elect.



South Dakota Juniors post amiably for the cameraman during the early-June convention at Sturgis. Left to right: Don King, Plainview; Raymond Barkley, Ardmore, secretary; Therma Sutton, Agar; Ross Ham, Piedmont, president; Dan Bierwagen, Milesville; John Sutton, Jr., Agar, the outgoing president. The Juniors had their own schedule of speakers and activities.



Onlookers may have been wondering if the Montana convention is to be the first step in Jerry Sotola's climb to the presidency. Judging from the picture, he must have heard that tie salesmen have a chance! Watching are (left to right) Ralph S. Potts, Orville Sparrow, Verne Slanchfield, Frank Husted, at the left of the genial Armour & Company representative, and C. S. Ralston and Wallace Christiansen at the right. (All the men are from Wise River.) The smiling young lady in the background is Jan Mourer of Missolua, the bona fide owner of the ties which she hand-painted for the stockmen buyers.



South Dakota Stock Growers' officers. Left to right: J. E. Horgan, Rapid City, president; John Sutton, Agar, vice-president; W. A. Rasmussen, Rapid City, secretary.



Clarence Gardner, Thermopolis, president of the Wyoming Stock Growers, at right, with Maurice Williams of Sundance, who managed the drive for funds that resulted in more than \$1,000 in special contributions to the American National's Public Relations Committee.

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N. D. Meets With Mouse River Men

OFFICERS elected at the 20th annual convention of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association are: John Hanson, Bowman, president; Thor Naaden, Braddock, vice-president; Odd A. Osteroos, Minot, secretary-treasurer. The meeting, which took place at Minot, June 10-11, coincided with the convention of the Mouse River Cattleman's Association and included also activities of the Junior Association and of the auxiliary Claribelles.

Following reports by J. C. Eaton of Denbigh and Charles F. Adams of Lansford, respectively, the presidents of the state and the Mouse River associations, and the report of State Secretary Odd A. Osteroos, the stockmen heard addresses and discussions on brands, tax developments, legislative matters, etc. Speakers included Baldwin E. Martz, CPA; Math Dahl, commissioner of agriculture and labor; Erick Rohlwig of the American Meat Institute; Bradford Knapp, Jr., of the range experiment station at Miles City, Mont.; F. W. Hinkhouse, West Liberty, Ia., president of the Iowa Livestock Feeders Association. A panel discussion on prospects for the industry was also featured.

A. A. Smith, Sterling, Colo., head of the American National, spoke of national affairs of the cattlemen; Radford Hall, assistant secretary of the National, reported on current activities, and Claude Olson of Ludlow, S. D., a director of the South Dakota Stock Growers, talked about the public relations committee of the American National. Maurice O'Connell of Medora, who is president of both the National and the North Dakota Junior associations, discussed junior activities.

Evening banquet speeches were delivered by the lieutenant governor of

the state, C. P. Dahl, and by the Honorable Francis H. Russell.

The secretary suggested to the convention that consideration be given to the matter of convening in a different section of the state each year, and holding in addition a one-day meeting annually in another town so that all members might have an opportunity to attend one meeting at a reasonable distance from their homes every year.

Resolutions adopted by the North Dakotans urged continued support of the National Live Stock Tax Committee; recommended that the Agricultural Act of 1948 be continued in preference to the proposed Brannan plan; commended the work of the American National's public relations committee; suggested that the exportation of fats and oils to all countries where there is a shortage be encouraged.

The resolutions opposed any further acquisition of land on the part of the federal government, and also any further enlargement of the present Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park.

The North Dakota Juniors, meeting simultaneously, featured among their activities a breakfast at which their sponsor, Mrs. Don Short, and Mr. and Mrs. Odd Osteroos (he is secretary of the senior association) were present. The young people presented Mr. Osteroos with a desk pen set, in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

South Dakota Draws Big Crowd

ACROWD of well over 1,000 persons turned out for the 58th annual convention of the South Dakota Stock Growers Association at Sturgis on June 2, 3 and 4. The gratifying attendance was not surprising in view of a report by Secretary W. M. Rasmussen of Rapid City that 600 new members have been added to the organization's rolls.

J. E. Horgan of Rapid City was re-elected president and John Sutton of Agar, vice-president. New directors are: Elmer Sanders, Walt Taylor, A. D. Minor, C. W. Landers, Charles Strong, Billy Richardson, William Brennaman.

A. A. Smith, president of the American National, declared the association he heads approves the basic principles of the Hoover plan, but that some modification might be asked for later. Mr. Smith touched also on the Brannan farm plan and explained his objection to it rested chiefly on its effect on stockmen of the West. He concluded with a review of some of the association's legislative accomplishments in its 52-year history.

Harry B. Coffee, head of Omaha's Union Stock Yards Company, urged every effort be bent toward averting the trend toward socialistic legislation



It's summertime again and sunburned necks and mosquitos are with us. We're just a short poke from the time when you horse owners may be expecting to see some cases of sleeping sickness. Maybe last season you took a gamble and didn't protect your horses against this disease, so a lot of you will figure "well, we got through last year OK, so maybe we'll get the same break this time."

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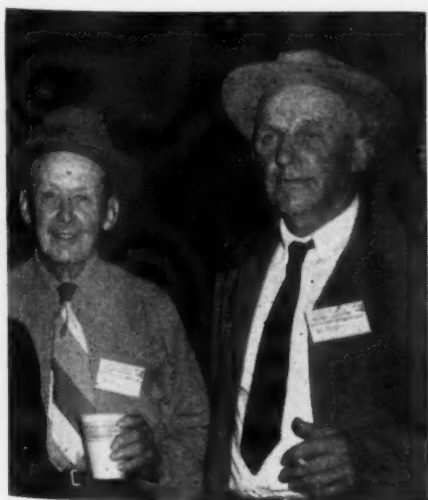
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A couple of delegates at the North Dakota meeting relax after lunch. At left, George Benn of Sanish; at right, Edwin Hendrickson, also of Sanish.

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in Washington. Other speakers heard by the South Dakotans were Governor George T. Mickelson; Dr. Leslie Johnson, head of the animal husbandry department at the state college in Brookings; Don Cunningham, secretary of the Sioux City (Ia.) Livestock Exchange; Seth Shaw, meat specialist with Safeway Stores at Denver.

On the speaking program were also included Paul Friggens, associate editor of Farm Journal; Ray Woodward of the range experiment station at Miles City, Mont.; T. G. Chase of the agricultural research department of Swift & Company, Chicago; Ernest B. Ham of Pierre, vice-president of the state brand board, and P. C. Burns, head cattle buyer for Armour & Company, Chicago.

The South Dakota Stock Growers adopted a large number of resolutions. In one, they urged the U. S. Weather Bureau to establish a weather station at Scottsbluff, Nebr., as now under consideration; commended the work of the National Livestock and Meat Board; urged repeal of the Swan Island Act; expressed hope that the joint foot-and-mouth campaign will continue until eradication is achieved in Mexico.

Congress was urged to retain a peril-point clause in extending the Reciprocal Trade Act; the service given the industry under the Packers and Stockyards Act was commended; discontinuance of transfer cuts was strongly recommended; Congress was requested to amend Section 20 (11) of the ICC Act to make carriers liable for costs in suits in courts to recover full actual loss as now provided in Section 16 (2); amendment of the present Railway Labor Act to give the public a voice in wage controversies was also asked.

The repeal of wartime federal excise taxes was recommended; the present Federal Livestock Confinement Act was deemed satisfactory and change was protested; the USDA was urged to establish an 18-cent fee per AUM for all public lands administered by the department, with adjustments at three-year intervals; the reinstatement of Canadian cattle quotas was favored.

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"Shorty" Rasmussen, secretary of the South Dakota Stock Growers, rests his tired dogs in a brief respite from the convention go-round.



Month's Livestock Mart*

By H. W. FRENCH

A NATIONWIDE CRASH IN dressed meat prices had a bearish influence on livestock values, and hot weather also curtailed the consumption of meat so that often the dressed trade was stagnant. The declines were sharp going into June, although dressed lamb and pork loins suffered the biggest decline.

Receipts of fed steers were rather liberal around the circuit and weighty kinds always sold at some discount. Light steers and heifers always found a ready outlet whether the market was higher or lower, but there were very few sessions when cows found a free outlet. Bulls and vealers were irregular throughout.

So far there have been very few grass fat steers available but the grass cow contingent is rapidly increasing, although to date no rangers are being marketed from the mountain areas. With grassers on the increase, the price range is certain to widen and already buyers are discriminating against the common and medium cattle.

Prices for fed cattle worked upward early and then broke sharply but each time receipts were shut off the market

*Record toppers at the Chicago market. These are Circle Dot cattle (Monahan Cattle Co., Hyannis, Nebr.) fed out by Paul Smith of Burlington, Iowa. A few days later another load fed by Smith and his son Richard sold at \$28.75 per cwt., a six months' record price for heifers. The record load averaged 1,055 pounds per head.

staged considerable recovery. Since a month ago cows lost 50 cents to \$1 although the beef steers above low medium grade were steady to 50 higher than a month earlier while the better grade heifers held 50 cents to \$1 of the early advance. Common and low medium steers and heifers were weak to unevenly lower. Bulls finished mostly 50 cents lower, while calves and vealers were \$1 to \$1.50 lower.

Packers Support Trade

Many were of the opinion that packers could break the fed cattle market at any time, but they along with the small concerns show the disposition to support the trade every time the supply shortens. There are many high good steers and heifers coming to market and at some points choice are not uncommon, while usually the cows fall chiefly in the medium grade.

Those talking \$30 steers almost reached their goal as some 1,185- to 1,325-pound offerings hit \$29.50 at Chicago before the market broke back to around \$28 with a late reaction up to \$28.50. Some choice 1,600- to 1,700-pound steers sold at \$27 to \$28. Any number of medium to good steers cleared at \$22 to \$26, some Oklahoma grassers going at \$22.75. A few loads of choice 1,401- to 1,438-pound Canadian fed steers made \$27.25.

While discussing the cattle feed-

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ing industry so far this year, it was brought out that to date the feedlot operators have taken an average loss of \$50 a head, having made money in some instances as contrasted to losses in February which frequently amounted to \$150 to \$200 per head. What will happen in the remainder of the year is anybody's guess but cheaper costing feeder cattle should result in a more satisfactory deal.

Show Confidence

Despite the late break in prices, the strictly good and choice steers and heifers continue to bring relatively high prices although the level of values is much below a year ago. Feedlot operators are anything but bearish and only recently on a breaking market showed their confidence in the future market by taking back home some of their cattle that they had on the market with sharply lower bids.

Choice carcass steer beef at New York fell down to \$43 after having reached \$46.50. The movement at the lower figure was not so brisk as when offerings were bringing the higher figure. A few days of light receipts may result in beef production short enough to result in an improvement down to the dressed trade. It is not exceptional for the dressed meat trade to slow down with the approach of the July 4 holiday.

Cattle carrying too much fat are hard to move and this was especially true where they were weighty. Retailers and consumers are complaining about the excessive fat, and packers are discriminatory because currently tallow is selling around 5 to 5½ cents per pound. Fat has a tendency to improve the flavor of the meat, yet many are not disposed to buy anything wasteful.

Early in the month some stock cattle were shipped out of California into Texas at \$24, and there were deals with in California calling for delivery of 1,100- to 1,200-pound steers in September for slaughter at \$25. Some California stockers and feeder cattle have moved as far east as Denver.

Late reports indicate that it is dry in Iowa and this is having some influence on corn prospects, but apparently many are worried more by the corn borers which have been doing plenty of damage despite spraying and other methods of control. One the other hand, there is plenty of moisture in Nebraska.

About 7 per cent fewer cattle and calves were in the Blue Stem-Osage pastures of Kansas and Oklahoma than a year ago, and the smallest number since 1944. Pasture feeds are good to excellent and cattle are making good weight gains. The spring movement into the two areas totaled 351,000 against 379,000 a year earlier. The peak movement to market of these cattle usually is in August.

The in-movement of stocker and feeder cattle and calves into eight Corn Belt states in May totaled 91,694, about 25,000 short of a year ago. This is the first

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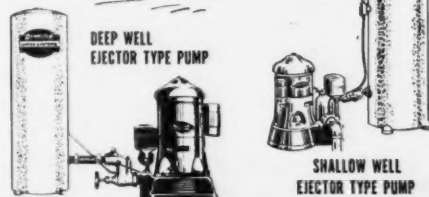
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month this year when the in-movement was not heavier than a year ago. Sheep and lambs sent to feeders in the same area at 162,684 were up 56,000.

The percentage of common and medium beef steers at Chicago for the week of June 9 was very small as good predominated and choice were on the increase. The average cost of all grades sold out of first hands figured \$26.78, or \$7.44 lower than a year earlier. Stocker and feeder cattle for the same week averaged \$24.75, only \$2.31 lower than a year ago. Average weights for both fat and feeder steers varied little from a year ago.

Stockers and feeders enjoyed a revived demand and some upswing in price until the fat cattle broke and then the country demand almost evaporated entirely with a resultant sharp decline in prices. Prospective buyers have not forgotten some of the early big losses which they incurred and every time the fat market sags they immediately about face.

Compared with a month ago, stocker and feeder steers as well as other classes except cows were uneven but mostly unchanged. Country orders were always limited for cows and this class was considerably lower. It is too late in most sections to put out thin light cattle and gradually the demand is leaning toward the fleshier cattle, yet relatively few buyers want anything 900 pounds and heavier.

There has been a market scarcity of choice yearlings and calves and when they are available usually command a good premium. Most offerings averaged medium to good. Probably this is because a big part of the better cattle sold in the producing areas earlier and for future delivery.

Late reports show that about 15 to 20 per cent more cattle are in the commercial feedlots in California than a year ago, but in northern Colorado feeding operations are down 10 to 15 per cent. The percentage of heifers and cows grazing and in feedlots is much smaller in practically all areas.

Opinions Differ

Already many are talking about replacement costs during the fall season but opinions are so varied that it is hard to predict what the prevailing prices will be. Many claim they will buy cattle below \$23 and medium to good as low as \$21 or they will not be in the feeding game through the winter. Others expect best steers to be selling above \$24 for the highly bred yearling kinds but even on that basis the market would be \$3 to \$4 below the average of last fall's prices.

Support price for hogs, Chicago basis, for the week ending July 2 and through the week ending July 20 ranged from \$17 to \$18 but currently the market is far above support level on the average

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PLENTYWOOD TALES

By DAVID I. DAY



A bit of "horse play" many years ago on the Marron Ranch near Plentywood. "Holding up the Stage."

NORTHEASTERN Montana, Sheridan and surrounding counties, one of the latest to be fenced and "go civilized" is rich in the lore of cattlemen from away back.

Many still surviving and fairly active in this region recall vividly the days of the open range, the cattle trail, the huge and exciting roundup.

One of the most unusual and most interesting characters now alive is undoubtedly Elmer E. (Hominy) Thompson, known from old cattle trailing days by cattlemen and old cowboys in every western and southwestern state. Now 88 years old he is mighty active and rates as the first settler in what now makes up Sheridan County, the northeastern corner county of the Treasure State.

"I came here in 1894 after long service as cowboy and cook on the long trail with cattle up from Texas," he explained recently. "I guess my main line of work can be called that period when I was trail cook for the Naderington Bros. cow outfit. The trail from around Amarillo, Tex., to Miles City, Mont., was about 1,600 miles as a crow flies, longer the way we brought the longhorns in herds of 2,500 or more."

Tradition has it that "Hominy" went to Kansas from Indiana with his parents, settling in Kansas. That was where he really began life. He recalls, as a young

fellow, taking a homestead claim in the old Sunflower State. He was next heard of in New Mexico. He moved to Texas where he remained for four years. Then he transferred to Oklahoma.

"I said it was 1,600 miles we trailed the cattle as the crow flies," continued "Hominy," "but the way we traveled was a darned sight farther. On the two trails I covered all the way up to the Yellowstone country we were over 100 days hard pushing. The old-time bosses knew how to handle cattle, making time and keeping them in good flesh at the same time. Evidently life wasn't too tough if a good man handled the cook wagon."

The fame of Hominy Thompson as a trail cook renders entirely unnecessary any comment on that point. He said the boys were fed on fresh meat, potatoes, and dried fruit largely. They had good bread and sometimes a few extras. "Hunger is a marvelous sauce," says he. "The cowboys lived in their saddles, in the open air, and were always hungry. They never complained. The food tasted good and it was good."

Montana looked good to Hominy and he decided to hang around, trying a bit of horse ranching. He never homesteaded as he had done years previously in Kansas. He just took over the old trapping grounds of James Jones, great early day hunter and trapper who was retiring. It was on Whitetail Creek about 10 miles



Rodeo scene at Miles City, Mont., in 1913. Folks traveled there for the fun for many, many miles around. Those were the days of rough roads and rough-riding autos—and the ridin' was rough at the rodeo.

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from where Redstone stands now, a town of 200 on State Road 5 in the north-west corner of Sheridan County. He qualified for ownership under what is called the Desert Land Act.

Building a dugout there he lived in it for 35 years. Said he: "I ranched a little knew pioneers, some good men and some outlaws." He can tell a lot of early Montana history he doesn't want printed. He saw the whole Plentywood country, including the county seat town of Plentywood, when it was just nice hunting country, nary a person, nary a house.

Hominy Thompson is one of the last of the old boys who knew Montana when the cattle kings and the cow hands made it one of the most unique, most interesting and most exciting parts of the earth. He is a bachelor but being a good cook, that's O.K., too.

We were sitting on the bank of Big Muddy Creek not far from Medicine Lake talking of the old days when cowboys and others made various towns too lively. When the railroads started through, the construction crews added to the hilarity. A few wild and woolly individuals without vocational tags made their presence known in various towns. Plentywood, Mont., in its brasher, newer days obviously no exception.

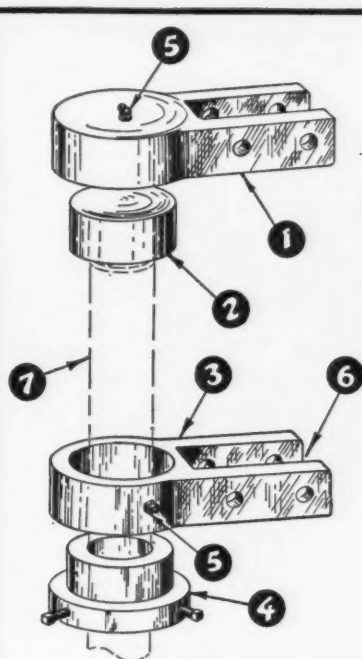
"It took a direct-action guy like Ben Day to uphold the majesty of the law," commented our friend "At times, that majesty leaned over a little even in Ben's presence. There were three saloons and on busy days they needed the gentling presence of Ben and his official club. He used it without fear or favor.

"When a fellow got too tough for the town limits to hold," he continued, "there was no argument. Mr. Day walked up in a happy smiling mood, slugged the offender, carted him off to the clink and was back in circulation usually in a few minutes. So long as he wore the marshal's badge, he managed to get by. Years later, however, in a gun battle as a private citizen he came out second best."

Scarcely a town in northern Montana without its traditions concerning some swashbuckling town marshall, a dead shot always, a good poker player usually and in most ways considered right guys. Some like Wild Bill Hickok, across the line in Dakota, won fame in death as well as in life. A second-rater assassinated him while he sat playing cards at peace with all the world. Back when Mississippi River steamboats ran up the Missouri, all the way to Montana, Capt. Bill Massie was one of the greatest river masters and pilots. He was playing cards with Hickok when the latter was killed. The bullet passed through Hickok, landed in Capt. Massie's wrist where it remained.

An old gentleman named McClellan McCoy, now 87, living with a daughter near Philadelphia, Pa., wrote May 26 that he spent some months in Montana, first as a cowboy near what is now Roundup. Later, with a couple of buddies he spent a short time trapping and hunt-

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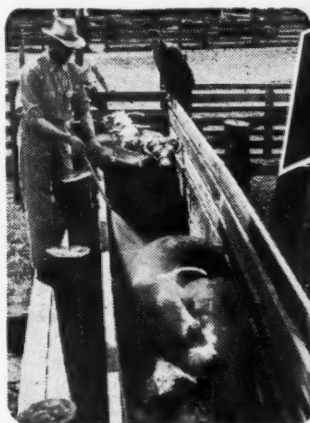
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MAKING NEW FRIENDS

IT isn't an easy thing to win the understanding and confidence of a public that has previously been encouraged in strongly entrenched, unfavorable ideas about an industry, but there are gradually emerging indications that the work of the American National's public relations committee, of bringing the truth to that public is beginning to bear fruit.

In a recent issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, John C. Davis writes about the "tall, silent, sun and wind brown men from the great open spaces of our high western plains." "Only," he adds, "they are not silent. They told congressmen in no uncertain terms that they, the law makers, could count out the cattlemen when any subsidy law was written for American agriculture."

The article quoted A. A. Smith of Sterling, Colo., president of the National association, to illustrate the stockman's traditional penchant for standing on his own feet. Said Mr. Smith, "It (the livestock industry) asks for no government crutches. It has withstood climatic, economic and political ups-and-downs and it is willing to face the future as it has in the past . . . relying on its own resources in producing and supplying the nation's meat."

The writer gave recognition to the cattlemen not only for their belief in individual freedom, but for their long history as soil conservationists. From a statement by Public Relations Chairman Alan Rogers of Ellensburg, Wash., Mr. Davis quoted: "Livestock ranches which have been in existence for three-fourths of a century continue to produce to capacity because livestock returns to the soil by natural fertilization 75 per cent of what it takes out."

"In addition to the grassland, basis of all soil conservation, stockmen have consistently made improvements, drilled wells, developed springs, built reservoirs and dams, provided flood irrigation projects, voluntarily and without government aid."

In Mr. Davis' own words, "It should be borne in mind that the stockmen paddled their own barge in bad as well as good times. Back in 1933, the take was less than a billion dollars and the capital value of the stock only slightly more. They asked no favors of bureaucracy then. Certainly they are on sound ground in refusing to be wooed by their own tax money."

ing on the Canadian line. Said he: "I was in Montana from 1882 to '84, except for a trip to Kansas to bring up some southern cows. It was nice, all except a blizzard or two that killed cattle and ruined ranchers. From 1885 to 1888 I was near Medora, N.D., the Theodore Roosevelt country. Until a few years ago I had many relics of that region, including copies of a picturesque newspaper called *The Badlands Cowboy* and published by a fellow named Packard. He was a true promoter."

Mr. McCoy recalls lots of cattle in North Dakota in the 80's. On many occasions he saw from 50 to 80 carloads of cattle loaded on the cars at nearby Dickinson. Lots of work for everybody. Lots of money in circulation. Much liquor consumed. Many a brave lad bit the dust in gunfights in the wild old days. Mr. McCoy quit one summer and went to Texas to get cooled off. Said he: "Believe it or not, the day I left the ranch near Dickinson, it was 125 in the shade, and no shade."

The old-timer was through his old ranch country in 1945, traveling across North Dakota and into Glendive, Mont., on U.S. 10. Then he went northward and around northeastern Montana, Plentywood, Scooby, Wolf Point and around to Roundup by various state highways.

"I was surely amazed at the progress made the last 50 or 60 years," he admitted. "Never saw a soul I knew nor many places that looked familiar."

Editor's Note: Next month we will tell of Bob Richardson, old Montana and North Dakota cattleman and recite some of the memories of men and women who remember events of long ago.)

OUTLOOK ENCOURAGING IN MEXICAN CAMPAIGN

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN the campaign to eradicate foot-and-mouth disease, from Mexico, during May and the first part of June have encouraged the scientists directing the program to believe that they can finally hope for ultimate success. Despite two real scares during that two-month period—one in the infected zone and one in the clean zone in the north—the program plowed on to new goals, according to a report from George Kirksey, special representative of the Joint Live Stock Committee. Mr. Kirksey goes on to say that improvement in operating efficiency enabled the joint Mexico-U. S. anti-aftosa commission to exceed its vaccination quota for May. A total of 3,664,943 animals was vaccinated, exceeding by 464,943 the quota set for the month. Figures for vaccinations the early part of June indicated that the month's quota of 3,601,020 would be met, barring unforeseen setbacks.

As of June 1, a total of 14,812,470 animals had been vaccinated during the campaign. These included: first vaccinations 11,252,592; second vaccinations 3,510,304; third vaccinations 49,574.

The estimated animal population for the infected zone is 13,500,000, leaving approximately 2,250,000 unvaccinated animals in the states of Michoacan and Guerrero. The first vaccination of all animals in the infected zone is expected to be completed sometime in July.

One of the program's most encouraging developments is that no outbreaks have been discovered by post-vaccination inspection following the second vaccination of 3,510,304 animals. Continual efforts are made to improve the post-inspection of animals. Up to June 1, a total of 26,399,128 animals have been inspected, of which 17,181,133 were inspected between Jan. 1 and June 1, 1949.

"Our procedure is being perfected to the point where we will have absolutely dependable reports on post-vaccination inspections," said Dr. L. R. Noyes, associate co-director of the program. "All reported outbreaks in the clean areas are investigated immediately and thoroughly. So far, all have proven false, but should an outbreak occur we are in position to move in and stamp out the infection and prevent its spread."

Since Apr. 12 there has been only one outbreak, and there has been some doubt as to whether this was actually aftosa.

The second scare came June 3 with the report that several cattle had come down with aftosa in the Sabinas, Coahuila area in the clean zone. Immediately, inspection teams were flown to the area, followed by two fully manned disinfection brigades. Laboratory tests proved the disease to be vesicular stomatitis.

A Better Tone

We welcome the new note of tolerance and moderation expressed in Resolution No. 5, adopted by the 27th annual conference of the Izaak Walton League in Denver, June 23-25.

The resolution commends "good land management that is being practiced by many western livestock men," and says that the federal government should practice it as well as individuals. The resolution also expressed willingness to confer with stockmen on "lingering differences" to end conflicts between conservationists and stockmen.

We hope that this new attitude of the league may be a forerunner of a policy whereunder sportsmen's organizations will undertake to further better sportsman-stockman relations by instilling greater respect for the rights of property owners in the comparatively few vandalistically inclined hunters and fishermen who have been responsible for most of the dissension.

With the proper program, perhaps trespass and damage to another's property can be put in the class of unsportsmanlike acts. We would like to see fence cutting, opened gates, rutted-up meadows and the shooting of domestic animals and the like placed in the same category as seining, stream dynamiting and other acts shunned by true sportsmen.

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One phase of a Wyoming cattle feeding operation. This little fellow, at Big Piney, gets some help as he starts out in life.

South Dakota

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The efforts of the American National and Traffic Manager Charles E. Blaine were commended; a uniform national land policy was asked for; local law enforcement officers, the stockmen felt, should enforce the present butcher law and hide inspection.

Local prosecuting attorneys, the resolutions stated, should sit in on all parole hearings pertaining to persons convicted for livestock larceny. The Brannan plan was rejected in its entirety. The association expressed approval of the principle of conserving and retaining water where it falls, through recognized water conserving practices.

Federal legislation was endorsed to permit the return of 50 per cent of all grazing fees collected by the USDA, for local purposes. Interested persons and groups were asked to cooperate in working out a schedule of suitable game numbers. It was suggested that the USDA establish a system of advisory boards representing the land user on a local, state and regional base. Adoption of the Hoover reorganization plan was urged, with public lands to be administered according to the principles of the Taylor Act.

The governor, legislature and federal agencies were thanked for their snow removal work and other relief during the 1949 blizzards; and, finally, the work of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board was commended.

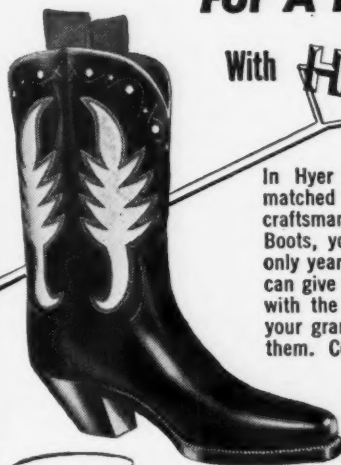
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The Junior association, which met at the same time, had a full schedule of speakers and activities independent of those of the seniors. They heard speeches by Maurice O'Connell of Medora, N. D., who heads not only his state junior association, but the National Juniors as well; Frank M. Lingo, manager of the agricultural service department

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MEAT BOARD'S 27TH

OFFICERS of the National Live Stock and Meat Board elected at the 26th annual meeting of the board of directors are F. G. Ketner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman; Jay Taylor, Amarillo, Tex., representative of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and member of the executive committee of the American National, vice-president; Frank Richards, Chicago, representative of the record associations, treasurer, and R. C. Pollock, Chicago, general manager.

Manager Pollock in reviewing the year of the Board's work spoke of tremendous interest among groups everywhere in all aspects of the subject of meat. He said that research in the production fields has given producers a vast fund of information and resulted in more efficient production. He explained the many new developments in the retailing field, and said that on Jan. 1 there were 800 markets which had 100 per cent self-service meat departments and thousands that had partial self-service. He pointed to the research work conducted in the edu-

cational institutions in meat the past 30 years and its great advantage to the industry and public. According to Manager Pollock, our meat animal population will need to be expanded "even if we only maintain our present per capita consumption of meat."

Dr. Pauline Beery Mack of the Pennsylvania State College presented evidence showing the importance of meat to older people. Persons who eat meat 1.5 times daily with liver 1.5 times weekly got a better medical rating than those who used less meat.

Dr. Ruth M. Leverton of the University of Nebraska suggested the advisability of including some high quality protein such as meat or dairy product in every meal of the day.

Two outstanding men were honored by the directors: Dr. C. A. Elvehjem of the University of Wisconsin for his contribution to the science of biochemistry and leadership in the field of nutrition, and Dean H. H. Kildee of the Iowa State College as an outstanding authority in livestock and general agriculture.

of John Morrell & Co., Sioux Falls, S. D.; Henry P. Holzman, district livestock specialist at Rapid City, and Rad Hall, assistant secretary of the American National (in a review of historical highlights of that association).

The Juniors elected Ross Ham of Piedmont to the presidency, succeeding John Sutton, Jr., of Agar, and renamed Raymond Barkley of Ardmore secretary. Sandwiched in between their own business sessions, committee meetings and special events, the younger group also joined the Seniors for a number of entertainment features such as a buffalo barbecue, and the annual banquet and dance.

Montana

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National who now heads the foot-and-mouth advisory committee and is also a director of the National Livestock and Meat Board, discussed the livestock industry as related to the national economy. Mr. Mitchell was optimistic about the beef situation but did express fear that prospective high pork production might be unfavorably reflected in the over-all market story.

A. A. Smith, president of the American National, discussed activities of that organization and pointed to the need for a greater membership in the national

Congressman Frank A. Barrett in his home state for an address before the Wyoming Stock Growers meeting at Sheridan.



association.

Alan Rogers of Ellensburg, Wash., chairman of the National's public relations committee, stressed in an address to the Montana Stockgrowers that his group is presenting only facts and will rise or fall on its own merits.

Congressman Wesley A. D'Ewart told the stockmen that they would be realistic in anticipating that "this country is going to have a larger measure of federal control of our activities than has been experienced in years gone by." Other speakers on the second day included Dr. H. F. Wilkins, Montana state veterinarian; R. A. Neill, secretary of the Montana Taxpayers Association, Helena; Ralph Miracle, secretary of the Montana Livestock Commission, Helena; Dr. J. W. Severy, chairman of the Divi-

sion of Biological Sciences at Montana State University in Missoula; Gene F. Payne of the range management department at Montana State College, Bozeman, and Governor John W. Bonner of Helena.

In their resolutions, delegates opposed S. B. 1645 and 1160, to create valley authorities for the Missouri and Columbia valleys, favoring instead the development of those valley basins with the aid of existing state and federal agencies; protested further acquisition of lands by the government; endorsed the efforts of the Hoover Commission; urgently requested that all grazing functions of the federal government be administered under the principles of the Taylor Grazing Act as amended.

It was requested that Congress amend the present Railway Labor Act to give the public a voice in wage controversies and an improvement in railroad service was asked; also, the association vigorously protested feather-bedding practices for which the public has to pay through increased freight rates.

The Brannan farm program was opposed; Congress was urged, in any extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act, to give the Tariff Commission power to protect agriculture; the Congress was also asked to act for the abandonment of Swan Island as a quarantine station.

The association urged all possible research into the disease called white muscle, and recommended cooperation with

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the neighboring states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon in the matter.

Appreciation was expressed for the "diligent and successful" efforts of the American National's public relations committee, and continuation of the work of that committee was encouraged. The work of the National Livestock and Meat Board was also endorsed, and it was suggested that a program of collections and contributions similar to that now in effect with livestock markets and packers elsewhere be initiated in Montana.

The governor of the state was asked to declare an emergency in regard to game numbers and to direct the fish and game commission to hold public hearings in affected areas.

All the officers were re-elected. They are Milton C. Simpson, Volborg, president; C. K. Warren, Deer Lodge, first vice-president; G. R. Milburn, Grass Range, second vice-president; E. A. Phillips, Helena, secretary.

Texas Quarterly

THE foot-and mouth campaign in Mexico; the proposed Brannan farm plan; Bang's disease control—these topics importantly affecting the Texas cattleman were discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in Amarillo last month.

Greatest interest, because of the location of the state with respect to the Mexican boundary, centered on the foot-and-mouth fight. George Kirksey of Houston described the situation as "most favorable." Though he felt it is necessary to continue on the alert with respect to the war on the disease, the speaker talked with considerable optimism of progress made and of the efficiency with which aftosa teams had attacked the problem of a recent suspected outbreak. At least 95 per cent of the animals in the contaminated area have been vaccinated at least once since the campaign was initiated, and thousands of them have been vaccinated a second and a third time. Control crews

hope that soon 3,500,000 head a month can be treated each month with vaccine, production of which has grown from about 9,000 doses a month last year to 2,500,000 doses monthly at this time. Above all, Mr. Kirksey reiterated a warning against becoming "complacent."

President Bryant Edwards reviewed testimony he had given in a congressional hearing on the Brannan proposal. He said he was "proud to represent an organization that has enough pride in the American government to go on record against subsidies and all kinds of government handouts."

The cattlemen heard the reading of two memorial resolutions, honoring the late Miles G. Bivins of Amarillo, a member of the board, and H. L. Kokernot of San Antonio, a former president.

Action was taken on the admission to membership in the association of 348 ranchers.

The Texans are opposed to a compulsory control program on Bang's disease, arguing that the disease is a program affecting mainly the dairy cattle industry and not the range cattleman.

Several resolutions were adopted at the meeting: One opposing S-1821 calling for the repeal of existing laws on cattle shipments and for enactment of new regulations on feed, water and care of cattle in transit; another, urging abolishment of the federal 3 per cent transportation tax. Another resolution, urging continuation of the control force without reduction, was also adopted.

During a discussion of income tax matters, Frank Boice of Sonoita, Ariz., was introduced. Mr. Boice is chairman of the National Live Stock Tax Committee, and he met during the meeting with members of the Texas group's tax committee. There also were present F. E. Mollin, executive secretary of the American National, Denver, and Horace Hening, secretary of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association.

More than 200 ranchers attended this quarterly gathering.

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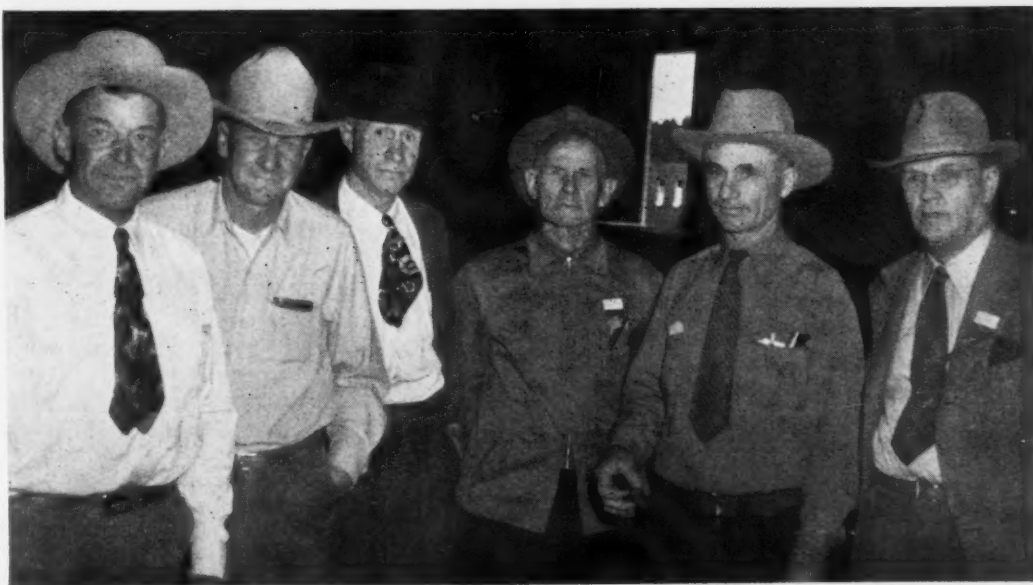
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Four of the men in this group pictured at the South Dakota convention had just become members of the American National Live Stock Association. Lee Brown of LaPlant (second from right) conducted a personal campaign which resulted in the recruiting of around a score of new members for the National. Shown are (left to right) F. L. Starr, Dupree; C. H. Holmes, Dupree; L. J. Loobey, Milesville; Ernest Eidson, Sturgis; Mr. Brown, and F. E. Mollin, executive secretary of the American National.



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CONVENTION SWING

By A. A. SMITH, President of
American National Live Stock Ass'n

I HAVE JUST COME BACK FROM A month on the "convention circuit" of state cattlemen's associations which started at the Pendleton convention of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. From there we traveled to Colville for the Washington meeting, then to Missoula, Mont., for the Montana meeting; to Sturgis, where South Dakotans met;

to Sheridan, to take in the Wyoming meeting. We ended our circuit in Minot, at the North Dakota convention.

I have attended many cattlemen's conventions but never before so many in succession. When you go to one right after another you cannot fail to note one outstanding thing—that the state associations' problems are largely national in scope rather than local.

Some of the state associations are older than the American National and

In a clockwise swing of North Dakota Juniors, we find (seated) Marlene Voight, Elbowoods; Connie Short, Medora; Jean Lillibridge, Fairfield; Anne Short, Medora; Daril Adams, Lansford; Vivian Voight, Elbowoods; Joyce Adams, Lansford. Standing: Robert Lillibridge, Fairfield; Archie Parizek, Deering; Roger Burgess, Bismarck; Robert Hanson, Bowman; Bill Neuenz, Bismarck; Johnnie Wirtz, Kenmare; President Maurice O'Connell, Medora; Tom Houck, Gettysburg; Howard Johnson, Gettysburg.

their records show the primary purpose for their origin was to combat rustling. While they have accomplished much to prevent cattle and horse stealing and have been effective in getting convictions of rustlers, unfortunately the trouble continues.

State associations have had and still have many purely state problems to consider and I would be the last to belittle the need for strong and active organizations.

More and more, however, the national government is concerning itself with problems formerly considered local.

Perhaps the majority of the resolutions adopted at the conventions I attended were directed to some national problem. Often they were in opposition to federal interference with the individual's affairs.

It is perfectly proper and necessary that these state groups (and local, too) should express themselves thus on national topics. But don't you think it points up the need for a national association—a much greater need than ever before? Because while the state or local groups act individually on these questions they must also act through an over-all or national association to bring the problem to a focus, and thus their action becomes doubly effective.

When you take a trip like the one I have taken you are impressed with the vastness of our West and the importance of grass.

Some—too much—of our West is practically waste, but where grass is found it varies from an abundance of dark green with a good growth and thick cover, down through the lighter green with lesser growth to the dry foliage left from last year's moisture and growth, reminding one of Mr. Mollin's "If and When It Rains."

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fine. I heard that sentiment expressed again and again by stockmen I met, and when I pondered over it I found these men were saying what I would say. I thought about my own ranch, my own house. There are far better ones, but to me mine is the best.

I suspect that this bit of sentiment isn't entirely wrapped up in the natural desire for possession. It goes deeper. It is the expression of an individual's appraisal of what is good and is not based on dollars and cents. I doubt if it could exist if our government took over the managing of our affairs.

Association Notes

Coloradoans Set Program

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association, according to Secretary B. F. Davis, will offer a program of varied talks and entertainment in its 82nd annual convention, to be held at Grand Junction July 20-22. Included in the list of speakers will be R. J. Eggert of the American Meat Institute; E. H. Thomas, of the First National Bank at Grand Junction; R. T. Burdick, of the Colorado A. & M. College, Fort Collins; A. A. Smith of Sterling, Colo., president of the American National; W. C. Crew, the Denver Stockyards Co.

Others scheduled to address the stockmen are Warren H. Monfort, widely known Greeley, Colo., cattle feeder; Fred Bennion, director of the Colorado Expenditure Council; F. R. Carpenter of Hayden, Colo., who was the first Taylor Grazing head; George F. Dodge, director of public relations, D. & R. G. Ry.; Paul Friggens, associate editor of Farm Journal; F. E. Mollin, executive secretary of the American National; John Guthrie of Porterville, Calif., member of the executive and the public relations committees of the American National; Lloyd N. Case, director of the Colorado Livestock Industry Council; Frank Fehling, Colorado member of the National's public relations committee; A. A. Blakley, head of the Denver Livestock Exchange, and Ed Paul, Colorado state brand commissioner.

J. B. Claybaugh of Whitewater, president of the host Western Livestock Protective Association.

In South Dakota, Tom Arnold of Valentine, Nebr., is at the speakers' stand. Others on the platform are (left to right) Walt Taylor, Rapid City; Lewis Beckwith, Kadoka; Claude Olson, Buffalo, a former president of the South Dakota organization and now a vice-president of the American National.

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tion, will welcome the cattlemen, and A. T. McCarty, Trinidad, vice-president of the convening association, will respond. President of the Colorado Cattlemen is Henry Bledsoe of Cheraw.

Western Montana Elects

Officers of the Western Montana Stockmen's Association were elected at a meeting in Ronan, Mont., on May 7 as follows: Neal Melton, president; John Smith, vice-president, and John A. Rhone, secretary. The association voted to raise its reward for information leading to arrest and conviction in stealing cattle from members from \$100 to \$500. Resolutions opposed the Columbia Valley Authority; opposed subsidies and price controls; asked payment on federal land by federal government to local governments in lieu of taxes.

Among speakers at the meeting was E. A. Phillips, secretary of the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

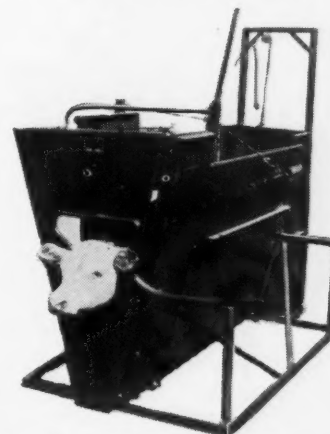
NEW ASSOCIATION

A newcomer among western livestock associations is the Pikes Peak Cattle Growers Association, recently formed at Colorado Springs, Colo. Close to 40 Hereford men enthusiastically participated in the organization meeting and others signified their intention to join, although not present in person. The new group, which will supplant the present Pikes Peak Hereford Association, is planned to include in its eventual membership not alone Hereford stockmen but Shorthorn and Angus raisers and dairy cattlemen.

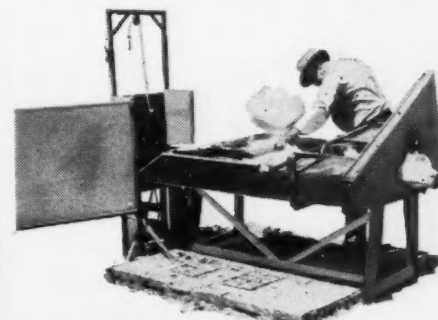
Formed mainly for the purpose of promoting and marketing livestock in the Pikes Peak area, the association will hold its first feeder cattle sale next year in an elaborate sales pavilion setup which is already contracted for just east of Colorado Springs. The building rented by the group will be further improved and enlarged by the addition of restaurant and parking facilities and pens for sale cattle. A Denver advertising agency has been appointed to handle promotion-



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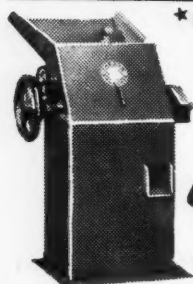


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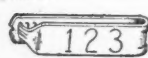
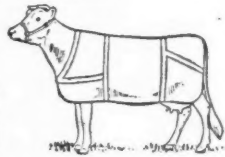
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al work on a budget voted at the preliminary meeting and another meeting was scheduled for election of officers and further planning.

Prominent in setting up the new association were Field Bohart, L. C. McCandless, Channing Sweet, Del Lichtenberg, William White, Fred Shaw, William Higby, W. D. Corley.

NORTH PARK

The annual meeting of the North Park Stockgrowers Association was held at Walden, Colo., in early June with 75 stockmen in attendance. Officers elected were Victor Carlstrom president, Elmer Wattenburg vice-president and Victor Hanson, Jr., secretary-treasurer, all of Walden. North Park stockmen named to the advisory board were Charles P. Murphy, Ordway Mellon, Kenneth Carlstrom, Amos Allard and Carl D. Johnson. Executive committee board members are Burl Wamsley, Jack Dickens, Jr., F. P. Murphy, George J. Bailey, A. B. Dwinell, Howard Hampton and Forrest Brownlee.

A resolution adopted by the group read as follows:

"Whereas, It has been suggested that Congress appropriate as much as \$100,000, for improving national forest lands and we believe there is an end to the taxpayers' ability to pay and are opposed in principle to the idea of having government bureaus using taxpayers' money to do what can be done by private individuals; and

"Whereas, Individual stockmen are successfully improving their own pasture lands and public domain lands held under permit, and we believe they would have the same success in improving their allotments on the national forests if they were permitted to do so and had the necessary security of tenure to justify them in expending money for such improvements, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we recommend that the Forest Service and our national and state forest advisory boards work out a formula permitting individual permittees to improve their forest allotments and providing the necessary security of tenure of such allotments to justify the permittees making the necessary expenditures, and we further recommend that if the Forest Service and advisory boards fail to work out such formula, legisla-

tion be introduced in Congress to accomplish the purpose of this resolution."

Speakers included F. E. Mollin, executive secretary of the American National; Ed Paul, state brand commissioner, and the editor.

W. H. Wight, Sanford, Fla., was elected president of the Central Florida Cattlemen's Association at a meeting in Chuluota on May 12, succeeding L. R. Bronson of Clermont. Seminole County Agent C. R. Dawson is secretary-treasurer of the group. . . . Levy County Cattlemen's Association members enjoyed a meal of fish and hushpuppies at a meeting at Bronson recently. J. W. Turner is president of the association. . . . Meeting also recently were members of the Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association at Pinecrest.

J. R. Dawes of Lawton, Okla., has been elected president of the Southwest Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association. Howard Bain of Chattanooga is vice-president; C. E. Price of Lawton, treasurer, and Vernon Howell, secretary. The election took place at the association's convention last month.

Markets . . . (From Page 16)

although the spread is very wide and some heavy weight hogs are far below the lightweights.

The 1949 spring pig crop totaled 59,040,000, an increase of 15 per cent from a year ago. This is the third largest spring pig crop on record, having been exceeded in 1942 and 1943. Breeding intentions for the fall indicate a 13 per cent larger number of sows to be farrowed than in the fall of 1948 and should result in a fall crop of 37,000,000 head.

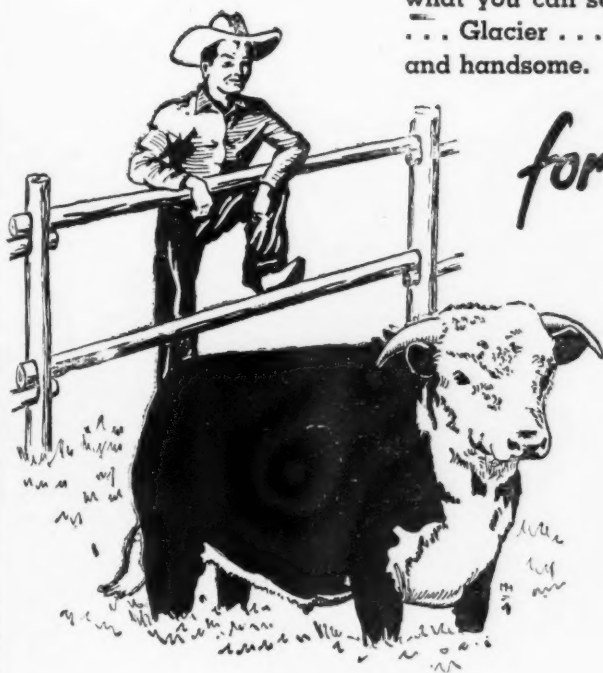
The June break in sheep and lamb prices was severe, but every year as the old crop lambs diminish or disappear and the spring lambs start marketward the market is forced down. The difference this year is the small size of receipts as otherwise conditions were normal. The most decline was on spring lambs.

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MONTANA HEREFORDS

Montana Hereford Association

A. E. Boswell, Secretary

Route 3, Billings

July, 1949

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LADIES' CHOICE



Through a RANCH HOUSE WINDOW

How swiftly the tide of the days runs past, as one grows older!

Here it is almost mid-July; the hay is cut, the garden is sinking into spent emptiness—save for the late crops, the beans and squash and tomatoes—and the fruit trees, heavy with almost ripe fruit, remind me to check the pressure-cooker and lay in a supply of jar lids and other canning supplies.

Yet it seems but a few days ago that I sat in the closely-packed ranks of proud parents to watch this year's June graduate move, capped and gowned, through his High School commencement. Lovely and appropriate word, Commencement! For that's what it should be, to them—not the ending of their public school life, but the beginning of other ways of living and learning. For this one, the first of our boys, that seems to mean further education. I'd planned so many family activities for this, his last vacation at home perhaps, but now college for him is only weeks in the future, and most of my plans are still in the "some day" stage.

The summer vacation may coincide with the vacation plans of city parents, but I doubt if it does in most ranch homes. I've about given up looking forward to that mythical "quiet time" here at the Ranch House, but I'm convinced that, if ever it does come, it won't be in June or July or August!

* * *

I wonder if summer vacation is as timeless and leisurely to today's youngsters as it seemed to my adolescent self? Or has the speeded-up tempo of modern living robbed them of much of its leisure? What uncounted and uncountable hours the three summer months used to



Officers of the Wyoming CowBelles. Left to right: Mrs. Durward Jones, Thermopolis, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Leland Grieve, Savery, auditor; Mrs. Charles Kane, Wolf, president; Mrs. Joe Watt, Moorcroft, retiring president.

hold for reading, for intimate and somewhat pointless visitings with one's best friends, or just for daydreaming.

Since I seem to have done all three to the accompaniment of almost constant munching—why I wasn't a disgustingly fat child I can't imagine!—the slow drift of the days was marked, for me, chiefly by the changing procession of fruits that crammed my sweater pockets. The apricots and cherries of first vacation days gave way to plums and peaches, and these in their turn to the early pears and "harvest apples" of our short northern summer.

During the summers between my eleventh and perhaps my seventeenth year, I read avidly every book and magazine—good, bad or indifferent—that I could lay my hands on. So strangely is memory composed of all five senses that even today the Songs of Solomon can almost bring into my mouth the taste of ripe Bing cherries. And sometimes the fragrance of fresh peaches or apples will recall lines I can't remember ever having learned, "The stately horse . . . neighed with all gladness as they came, and stooped . . . And she kissed the white star upon his noble front, glad also," and many others equally unremembered and obscure.

Perhaps it speaks well for the instinctive discrimination of the young that all the "trash" I read seems to have sunk without trace out of my mind; the quotations I remember seem always those of "good" literature.

Encouraging, perhaps, in view of the comic book and "confessions" stage that many of our youngsters go through nowadays? It's probable that the stuff they read that isn't worth remembering won't linger long in their minds anyhow.

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As I said before, summer is a marvelous, restful time for youngsters and for their city parents, perhaps, but probably not for most ranch wives. Better, for us, is the prospect of a week's Florida sun next January, when the National convention meets there.

I'm hoping for letters from Florida (or ex-Florida) CowBelles, outlining the most practical and packable wardrobes for the ladies.

And, by the way, have any of you heard from your menfolks any favorable comments on Mrs. Jesse Conover's suggestion that there be some planned sightseeing tours, fishing trips, etc., in order that delegates and their ladies may have an opportunity to take proper advantage of even this brief Florida holiday?

It won't do any harm to keep the idea before them, anyhow!

At Home on the Range

When I was young, the succession of ripening fruit marked the almost imperceptible passing of the long summer days. The same cycle, now greatly speeded up, governs much of my present definitely not leisurely days.

Being severely bitten by a driving and belated desire for personal success, and being handicapped by the simple fact that I have so little time to devote to my own devices, I'm inclined to dodge canning and preserving insofar as possible. . . . Not because I don't like them, but because they are great consumers of that precious commodity, Time.

Unfortunately, though, I'm not unthrifty enough to let fruit rot on the trees and so, since my Deep Freeze is still a dream of the future, I find myself, this fine fruit year, facing a full cycle of canning that, already begun, is likely to last well into the fall.

Oh well, though I'll begrudge the time, a little, I'll love the full shelves of the finished product later. And so will the family, come winter.

Since there are no longer any small children at the Ranch House to be endangered by the lye bath, I'm going to lye-peel much of the fruit. Did you ever try it? It does a fast and beautiful job, but don't use it unless your accident-prone quotient is low. And don't use it at all, if there are any children that might come in contact with the stuff. If you've ever seen a badly lye-burned child, you'll know that no saving in time is worth that risk.

I've found that unpeeled apricots, seeded and put through the coarsest knife of the food chopper, make the best jam anyhow. And my family, at least, prefers unpeeled to peeled canned apricots. Perhaps, if I keep at it, I can train them to like all canned fruits unpeeled. It might be worth experimenting on, a little!

If you've never tried it before, why not put up a few jars of fruit salad mix this year? They're great savers of time and refrigerator space in preparing win-

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ter salads, since each jar should hold approximately the right amount for your family needs. Process by your usual method, using preferably a light syrup, and remember to process for the time required for the fruit in the mix that requires the longest processing time.

And if your family has a member or two with a real "sweet tooth," why not try a conserve? Most conserves are rich and unusual in flavor, and just right on plain muffins or hot biscuits for a Sunday night supper. Here is one of my favorites:

CHERRY CONSERVE

2 lbs. pitted cherries

4 cups sugar

Juice of ½ lemon

1 cup seeded raisins 1 cup nutmeats
1 orange, juice and (preferably al-
sliced rind monds or pecans)

The pitted cherries may be chopped, halved or used whole. Slice orange very thin, or run it through the food chopper. Add sugar to fruit, then the lemon and orange, and cook until thick and transparent. Add raisins and nuts five minutes before removing from heat. Pack hot into sterilized jars and seal immediately.

To Lye-Peel Peaches, Apricots, Etc.

In a large enamelware or iron pot (never aluminum) put 2 gallons of cold water. Add ¼ lb., or about ½ cup, until dissolved, of granulated lye and stir with a wooden spoon. Heat to boiling, and while actively boiling immerse the fruit, in a dipping basket, until the skin is loosened and partially dissolved. This will usually take from 30 to 60 seconds. Remove and let cold water from the faucet run over the fruit until both skin and lye are removed, then rinse thoroughly in more clear water. The skins will all disappear if the solution is strong enough (it may be made slightly stronger if it seems to be needed for the fruit you are working with). Peaches, apricots and nectarines may be peeled in this manner . . . but use this dangerous solution with care.

"GOOD AND SIMPLE" APRICOT JAM

Pit apricots and run through coarse knife of the food chopper. Cover with an equal measure of sugar and let stand overnight. Cook, stirring, until jam reaches the consistency you like best, and pour into hot sterile jars. Seal immediately. (The apricots should not be peeled.)

A variation of this jam is to use about 1 basket of strawberries to four or five pints of apricots. Cut the sugar to ¾ cup to one cup of fruit; let stand overnight; cook until thick, and then let cool for an hour or two, to plump the berries. Then reheat and seal.

And so . . . Good Eating . . . and Good Evening.

D. L. MCD.

Ranch House Letters

DEAR "LADIES' CHOICE" EDITOR:

Views through the Ranch House Win-

July, 1949

dow struck a responsive note—so much so that I'm enclosing a little toast to *My Dishpan*, written by another Cow-Belle. Her idea, I see by your page, is far from unique, but I think you may like the way she expresses it.

Incidentally, Martha Downer is Mrs. George Ellis, wife of the present manager of Bell Ranch . . . yes, the famous old Bell—though the lines were penned some years ago when she was getting her degree (Highlands University) and washing dishes as well. . . (She's also my sister.)

I was delighted to know so many Cow-Belles are able to handle dishwashing. (MRS.) MAY MOSLEY, Torrance County, N. M.

My Dishpan

Here's to you, Old Friend!

Close Companion

Of my morning hours—

With me still at noon.

With sad, reproachful mien

You eye me when at night

I leave you flat.

Never fear, Old Friend,

When morning comes

I'll be with you

—Twice as long.

Hands and eyes and time you take

But I myself am free—

Free to take my petty sorrows out

And weep them clean above the suds.

Free to set my pleasant joys

in bright array

Along the window sill perhaps

And cherish them a bit

The while I polish glass and

silver for the day.

So

Old Friend! Here's to you!

MARTHA DOWNER.

DEAR MRS. D. M.,

I wouldn't want you to think the women don't read your column or "Ladies' Choice" department. The truth is, it's the first part of the magazine I read—and I'm sure many others enjoy it.

My guess may be wrong, but I think this is perhaps the reason your meat recipe contest has not been as successful as the bean contest: Men tire of just plain beans and therefore we have to be resourceful and fix up new bean dishes in order to get more beans down 'em. But whoever heard of their getting tired of good old-fashioned roast beef and T-bone steaks? We just don't have to dress meat up fancy or different to get them to eat it; therefore we haven't invented so many new recipes.

I am sending you a recipe for chicken pie which we like very much. If you're trying to make one hen serve a big bunch of hungry men it will go much farther this way, and it seems to be just as good the second day as the first, so it can be prepared ahead of time if you're going to be crowded for time at the last minute.

I'm also sending a recipe for hamburger pie which goes good at my house. Hope you like it.

Here's wishing you luck in your contest. I'm looking forward to seeing some recipes from the other women.—Mrs. Wesley Street, Summerville, Ore.

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CHICKEN PIE

Cook one large fat hen until tender. Remove meat from bones and cut with scissors. Let liquid cool and remove fat.

To 1 cup fat add 6 well beaten eggs, 1 cup flour and milk enough to make 2 quarts. Salt to taste, cook in double boiler and cool.

Make a bread dressing, using the broth, giblets, sage and seasoning. Place a layer of this in a buttered pan. Add a layer of the sauce, then the diced chicken and the balance of the sauce. Sprinkle top with ground bread crumbs. Heat in oven until crumbs are brown.

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July Meat Recipe Winner

DEEP-DISH HAMBURGER PIE

1 lb. hamburger 3 teaspoons salt
½ cup tomato juice ½ cup peas
3 large potatoes, 4 or 5 onions
diced (small)
6 small carrots, Biscuit dough
diced

Place carrots, peas and potatoes in large kettle. Add tomato juice and cover tightly. Cook about 12 minutes. (If canned peas are used they should be added after the carrots and potatoes are cooked.)

Grease a casserole. Cover bottom with half of hamburger and sprinkle with half of salt. Add part of the vegetables, then hamburger, salt and remaining vegetables. Pour vegetable juice over all. Cover with biscuits and bake about 50 minutes.

PROMINENT WOMEN ON ARMOUR TOUR

By FLORENCE HALL

There is nothing that quite equals the thrill of meeting, face to face, a writer whose works you have been reading for years. This was one of the pleasures which Mrs. A. A. Smith and I experienced by attending the dinner which was given for the Armour tour in Cheyenne on June 21.

As most of you probably know, the group this time was made up of prominent women from the East, and the purpose was to bring them West and show them the country, the cattle and the problems of meat producers. They were entertained at various places vital to the meat industry across the country and at the dinner in Cheyenne the American National Live Stock Association, the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and the Wyoming Wool Growers Association were the hosts. The dinner was served

on Fred H. Boice and Son's P O Ranch. This ranch is about 13 miles from Cheyenne, but we circled around over the range for several miles giving the easterners a chance to see the rolling plains of Wyoming. One of the ladies from New York was heard to remark that she had never been able to see so far in her life. After the trip out they (and we) were treated to a wonderful chuck-wagon dinner, served in real old western style. The tables were decorated with branding irons and western silhouettes and opened cans of tomatoes, and the dignified writers from the East really had fun serving their cold tomatoes out of the can, roundup style, with delicious slabs of prime ribs that a New York chef would envy.

Following the dinner we moved out into the yard, where Russell Thorp presented a number of speakers who gave the writers information on the cattle and sheep business, welcomed them to Wyoming and told something of its history. Mrs. Boice told of the history of the ranch itself. Her talk was both informative and witty.

I felt that all the women readers of the PRODUCER would be very much interested, as I was, in the various personalities on this tour.

SOME OF THE PERSONALITIES

First, helping Colonel Wentworth make the tour as pleasant and informative as possible was Marie Gifford, director of Armour's consumer service department. You who attended the convention at North Platte will remember Miss Gifford as the one who gave us the picture on meat at the women's tea there. She also has charge of the numerous booklets containing recipes, etc., which are put out by Armour and which I am sure many of you have used. A charming and peppy person who really keeps things moving.

One of the women whom I was most anxious to meet was Katherine Fisher. I'm sure that a great many of you must feel that you almost know her as she is the head of the Good Housekeeping Institute and either writes or procures all of the articles on food, home decoration, etc., which appear in the Good Housekeeping magazine. She is a friendly, informal sort of person, one with whom you could just sit down and discuss why that last cake fell. Trudy Dye, the woman's editor of Country Gentleman, is another well-known writer with whom many of you are familiar, I am sure.

Sitting next to me at dinner was Mary K. Brown, advertising manager for the Grand Union Stores, a very large chain of stores on the eastern coast. Cora Anthony, managing editor of Woman's Day magazine, I did not get a chance to meet, but was told by those who did meet her that she is a very interesting person. Another woman's editor present was Helen Robertson, home economics editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The field of education was well represented with Dr. Helen Judy Bond, head of the home economics department, Teachers

College at Columbia University. I chatted with her for quite a while and she made some very interesting comments on the things they had been seeing. She was raised on a farm in Iowa and was really interested in the large-scale meat production out here in our country.

Edna C. MacMahon, associate professor of economics at Vassar, responded to the welcoming speeches. She stated that she could go home feeling much relieved, as she had previously visualized from things she had read that all of this country was washing right down into the Missouri River, but that so far she had seen little signs of that. There were so many prominent educators and writers that I shan't attempt to mention all of them, but I feel sure that many of you have read articles by Doris Fleeson, newspaper columnist for the Bell Syndicate, Washington, D. C. She was reminiscing about a pack trip she had been on which was conducted by "Dub" Evans in New Mexico a number of years ago. She said that up to that time she thought she knew how to ride a horse but ever after that trip she had had her doubts. She was accompanied on the tour by her daughter, Doris O'Donnell, who will enter Vassar this fall. Immediately following the evening program Mrs. Fleeson had to leave the tour and fly to Colorado Springs, as she was covering the annual governors' conference there for her syndicate.

I could just go on and on telling you interesting things about all of them—about what a vivacious person Katherine Fox of Radio Station WLW, Cincinnati, is, or how Frances F. Gannon, director of consumers' research of the Department of Markets from New York, remarked that she had looked at brick walls for so long that her eyes wouldn't focus on so much space—but I feel sure that the editor just wouldn't give me enough space for that.

Needless to say, in closing, the women on the tour were all strong for the West and western hospitality and said they were ready to apply for jobs on a ranch and settle down to stay; and the pilot of the plane was heard to remark that he should have weighed them in and out each time but he felt sure that with the wonderful meals they had been served they wouldn't show much "shrinkage" on the trip.

As a parting gesture Mrs. Boice, on behalf of the Wyoming CowBelles, presented each of the woman on the tour with a beautiful leather-bound copy of the Wyoming CowBelles' cookbook with the visitor's name embossed on the cover.

Cowbelle Notes

When the Colorado Cattlemen's Association holds its 82nd annual convention at Grand Junction, July 20-22, the CowBelles will be entertained at a tea in the home of Mrs. Bruce Claybaugh, Sr., on Kannah Creek. This is scheduled for the first day of the meetings, and transpor-

tation over the 19-mile distance from Grand Junction will be furnished.

One of the welcoming addresses at the convention will be made by Mrs. Thomas Currier of Grand Junction, president of the Western Slope CowBelles; Mrs. Henry Bledsoe of Cheraw, president of the state C. B.'s, will respond.

NEW COOK BOOK

The All-Beef Cook Book now in preparation by the California CowBelles (started by the Kern County group but now developed into a state-wide project) will, it is reported, be available this winter in two editions—a deluxe edition with a tooled cowhide cover and a less expensive one. Both will feature cattle brand decorations on the outside edges of the pages, and a state-wide canvass is being made with a view to securing every brand in California. Sponsors, merchants and business firms who handle beef products and ranch equipment, or do business with the cattlemen, will help defray expenses of publishing the book, each such contributor receiving honorable mention in a special listing on a Sponsors' Page.

The book will carry no advertising, say the ladies—being devoted exclusively to recipes, clever illustrations and worthwhile information pertinent to the effective use of all the cuts of beef in a carcass. A recipe contest being held in conjunction with gathering the material for the volume is open to men and women alike.

MONTANA DOINGS

Feminine visitors to Missoula, Mont., for the Montana Stockgrowers Association convention had a somewhat unusual program which included a visit to the state university's museum; there they looked at various art collections and an exhibit of antique furniture.

WYOMING C.B.'s HOLD ELECTION

Around 200 ladies were present for the banquet which was one of the events of the annual convention in Sheridan of the Wyoming CowBelles. Favors for the guests included sterling silver cowbells and red roses, and members of any third-generation CowBelles were presented with corsages.

Dues of the group went up to \$1 a year, and a donation of \$100 was made to the cancer fund. The American National also was voted a contribution, with part of it earmarked for the public relations fund.

The following new officers were elected: Mrs. Charles Kane of Wolf, president; Mrs. Bryan Patrick, Torrington, vice-president; Mrs. Durward Jones, Thermopolis, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Dan Hanson, Hat Creek, historian; Mrs. G. E. Sundby, Laramie, parliamentarian; Mrs. Leland Grieve, Savery, auditor.

ADDRESSES CONVENTION

One of the opening-day addresses at the Nebraska Stock Growers' convention last month was made by Mrs. Mose Trego of Sutherland, the president of the state's CowBelles organization.

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are a decently modest bunch of fellers, but it seems to us that anybody that's ever roped a steer or wrangled a calf into position for the brandin' iron ought to be able to do a little somethin' er' other toward ketchin' hisself one o' them there Floridy fish.

And, like we say, if you don't want to fish, think of all the other things you can do. So hurry up and set down and write in your reservation. To make it easier, we've even fixed up a form for you to fill out. Just supply the necessary details and the rest will be taken care of.

A brand meeting in which leading stockmen of nine states took part was held last month at Sheridan, Wyo. The possibility of adopting uniform regulations in all the states was discussed, as was a suggestion for the establishment of a school to train inspectors in brand inspection methods.

The states represented at the conference were: Wyoming, Washington, Nebraska, South Dakota, Louisiana, Idaho, Oregon, North Dakota and Montana.

I expect to attend the 53rd Annual Convention of the American National Live Stock Association, to be held in Miami, Fla., Jan. 5-7, 1950, and request that hotel accommodations be reserved as follows: (Note: It is requested that members share room with another delegate if possible.)

I expect to leave about.....on January....., 1950

Below is a list of the hotels to be used. Additional rooms in other first-class hotels, not listed in this form, are available at comparable rates:

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Dallas Park	\$8, 10	\$10, 12		\$15 (for 3) \$20 (for 4)
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Miami Colonial	\$10, 12, 14, 16	\$12, 14, 16, 18		
Robert Clay		\$10, 12, 14		
Belfort		\$12		
Patricia		\$12	\$15	
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Liberty		\$10		
Plaza		\$10		
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1. Single

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CATTLEMAN-GOVERNOR TAKES TWO-FOLD ADVANTAGE OF TRIP TO BUY DEBERARD CALF

While Governor Roy Turner of Oklahoma, a widely known Hereford breeder, was a June visitor to Colorado for the annual governors' conference, he went up to Middle Park and bought a 12-month-old bull calf for which he paid Fred DeBerard \$12,500.

SUTTONS GET \$468 AVERAGE

A \$100,675 total went into the cash register in the late-May sale of Sutton Brothers at Agar, S. D. The top bull was sold for \$1,000 and, altogether, 215 registered Herefords brought an average of \$468. There were 78 females in the sale; they brought a \$324 average with a top of \$600.

SOUTHERN WYOMING SHOW AND SALE SET FOR OCT. 20-21

The Southern Wyoming Hereford Breeders Association 1949 show and sale will be on Oct. 20-21 at Laramie, just before the Wyoming-Utah football game, Oct. 22, writes Secretary-Treasurer Tony

Fellhauer. Earl Monahan, Hyannis, Nebr., cattleman is being asked to judge the show. Deadline for entries is Aug. 8.

ANGUS SALE, NOV. 4

The fall sale of the Western Aberdeen-Angus Association, originally set for Oct. 28 at Denver, has been re-scheduled for Nov. 4. The annual Western Aberdeen-Angus Association's field day will be held at the Fred Fassler ranch, Akron, Colo., on July 30.

IDAHO CATTLE ASSOCIATION PLANS FALL SALES

The Idaho Cattlemen's Association will hold a purebred Hereford bull sale at Weiser on Dec. 3. It will bring top-quality purebred bulls, raised by responsible Idaho breeders, to one location for the convenience of range cattlemen in selecting their sires. After the sale the Washington County Cattlemen's Association will sponsor a banquet and dance.

In addition to the sale at Weiser, the Idaho Association will hold its 10th annual futurity and sale at Twin Falls, with Angus cattle selling Oct. 21 and Herefords and Shorthorns, Oct. 22.

KANSAS HEREFORD ASSN. ANNOUNCES REORGANIZATION

The Kansas Hereford Association has recently undertaken a program of expansion, with a new association office setup to serve as a clearing house for information on cattle for sale, needs of prospective buyers, publicity, management of shows and sales, etc. Gene Watson of Topeka has been elected secretary-manager of the association, which is headed by H. M. Hauser of Marion. Under the re-organization, membership dues plus fees for cattle registered the previous year will serve as the basis for financing the association.

\$423 AVERAGE ON ROCKY MTN. HEREFORDS AT BOULDER

The Rocky Mountain Hereford Association sold 72 head (56 bulls and 16 females) at its annual spring auction in Boulder, Colo., for an average of \$423. Twenty-four animals, 21 of them bulls, brought Dewey Norell of Collbran, Colo., a \$600 average. Ed Kennedy & Sons of Boulder sold the top bull for \$1,200, and the same seller had the high female sale of the day—a cow-and-calf combination that went for a total of \$825. Reported as one of the outstanding buys of the day was a senior yearling sold by Cuykendall Hereford Ranch of Roggen, Colo., sold for \$780. Total receipts came to \$30,460.

ANGUS SHOW AT DALLAS

The National Aberdeen-Angus Show for 1949 will be held in connection with the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, Oct. 8-15. Premiums totaling 11,500 will be offered to Angus breeders who compete. Exhibitors who wish to show their cattle also at the American Royal in Kansas City will be able to do so under a special arrangement which will release their cattle from the Dallas show on the 13th, for transportation in a livestock "special" train to Missouri for the opening of that show on the 15th.

BLANCHARD SELLS POLLED HEREFORDS IN NEBRASKA SALE

Earl G. Blanchard of Oshkosh, Nebr., got a good response on his sale of 47 Polled Hereford bulls late in May at Alliance, with the top animal bringing \$1,020 and the next-high going for \$1,000. The 10 highest averaged \$819 in lively bidding by the good crowd present. Most of the offerings were calves dropped late in the fall of 1947; a total of \$24,305 was realized on the group.

Nevadans Fix Sale Dates

At the annual meeting of the Nevada Hereford Association it was decided to hold the sixth annual show and sale of the organization at Reno, Mar. 17-18. The following are officers elected: President, Fred Dressler, Gardnerville; vice-president, George Leonard, Carson City; secretary-treasurer, John E. Humphrey, Reno. Chairman of the sales committee is Mr. Leonard.

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The location of the 1949 National Polled Hereford Show and Sale will be Memphis, Tenn., on Nov. 7-9. The annual banquet and business meeting of the American Polled Hereford Association will be held in Memphis on the evening of Nov. 8, and the sale of about 100 head of the best animals will take place Nov. 9, so that all in all a busy three-day schedule is anticipated for all concerned.

Register of Merit Issued

The Hereford Register of Merit, started in 1927 as a means of recognizing the sires and dams of top winning show animals (animals and their get are awarded points according to winnings of fifth or better at major shows with calculations brought down from the 1916 shows) lists among the many exhibitors the Milky Way Hereford Ranch of Arizona as holder of the highest number of points on M. W. Larry Domino 50th, with other recent advancements credited to Wyoming Hereford Ranch, J. F. Miller of Colorado, Thorp Hereford Ranch of South Dakota and W. J. Largent of Texas also up in the high-point brackets. The complete listings may be had by writing to the American Hereford Association, 300 West 11th, Kansas City, Mo.

TAUSSIG BULLS TO HAWAII

Carl Taussig of Parshall, Colo., recently bought three herd bulls for shipment to Hawaii, for use in the registered Hereford herd on the Parker Ranch. The three animals, which Manager A. Hartwell Carter commissioned Mr. Taussig to select and purchase for the huge Hawaiian ranch, came from Walter Redies of Sheridan, Wyo.; B. P. "Port" Franklin of Meeker, Colo., and C. K. Mousel of Cambridge, Nebr. The bull from the last-mentioned herd is a Polled Hereford. Mr. Taussig, a visitor last winter at the Parker Ranch, was greatly impressed by the quality of the Hereford cattle there—both in the purebred and in the commercial herds. The registered herd is managed by Harold Baybrook, formerly of Oregon.

Personal Government

As an interesting example of how to have government by men and not by law, S. 1791 (the Brannan plan) could not be excelled. The bill contains 86 pages, including title and definitions. In these 86 pages there are proposed 96 different ways and methods by which the secretary of agriculture determines, deems, directs, adjusts, specifies, prescribes, etc., etc. It provides multitudinous opportunities for personal government.—W. S. Rosecrans, vice-president of U. S. Chamber of Commerce before a Senate Agriculture subcommittee.

The Senate subcommittee has acted favorably on a bill to eliminate Swan Island as a quarantine station.

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Bills IN Congress

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- H. R. 4615—To aid in stabilizing agricultural prices by equalizing fee on imported fats and oils and offset on exports. By Martin (Ia.)—to Com. on Ways and Means.
- H. R. 4737—To protect livestock while in interstate commerce. By Weichel (Ohio)—to Com. on Interstate and For. Com.
- H. R. 4752—To provide 50 per cent of grazing receipts on national forests to go to range improvement. By Case (S. D.)—to Com. on the Judiciary.
- H. R. 4753—Brannan farm bill. By Cooley (N. C.)—to Com. on Agri.
- H. R. 4800—Directing secretary of agriculture to sell mineral interests owned by U. S. acquired under farm programs with certain exceptions. By Granger (Utah)—to Com. on Agri.
- H. R. 4880—To establish parity price on fats and oils to aid in maintaining parity price to producers. By Scudder (Cal.)—to Com. on Agri.
- H. R. 4946—To repeal excise tax on transportation and long distance calls and telegrams. By Mrs. Douglas (Cal.)—to Com. on Ways and Means.
- H. R. 4976—Authorize money for boundary line fence between Mexico and U. S. to prevent spread of foot-and-mouth disease. By Patten (Ariz.)—to Com. on For. Affairs.
- H. R. 5009—To initiate a customs union between North and South America so that various commodities may pass freely. By O'Brien (Mich.)—to Com. on Ways and Means.
- S. 1820—To provide forest practices for private forest lands. By Anderson (N. M.)—to Com. on Agri. and For.
- S. 1882—Similar to H. R. 4753.

Another Tax Decision

A Minnesota court has ruled that the cows of a dairy farmer in that state come under the heading of "machines" and that on sales of animals from his herds he need list only 50 per cent of the profit for taxation. This decision parallels the St. Louis court ruling on R. W. Albright (June Producer, "Important Developments in Livestock Taxation").

Prevent Fires

These eight preventable causes account for most of the farm fire losses: Sparks on combustible roofs, defective chimneys, spontaneous combustion, improper use of kerosene and gasoline, unsafe furnace and stove installations, misuse of electricity and appliances, carelessness with matches and inadequate lightning protection.

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Personal Mention

A push-button feeding operation is a unique feature on the 7,000-acre Capistrano (California) Hereford Ranch of Howard Krum and his son Charles. Twice daily, two men handle the distribution of alfalfa, barley straw, ground barley, orange pulp, corn, molasses and nitrates which are mechanically doled out from the supplies contained in a huge metal building.

A successor to Will J. Miller as livestock sanitary commissioner for Kansas has been appointed in the person of A. G. Pickett, secretary of the Kansas Here-

ford Breeders Association and associate professor of animal husbandry at Kansas State College. Mr. Miller, former secretary of the Kansas Livestock Association, resigned from the commission in May, effective Aug. 1. Governor Frank Carlson has commended him highly for the accomplishments of the livestock office during the 12 years he headed it.

Dr. R. W. Simonson, with the USDA in the Southeast until now, has been named assistant head of the Division of Soil Survey with headquarters at Beltsville, Md.; he will assist Dr. Charles E. Kellogg.

Announcement is made of the June 6 marriage of Jack Arnold of Birney, Mont., and Mrs. Adeline Allais Todd. Mr. Arnold is a former vice-president of the American National and a member at this time of the executive committee of the association.

Ray M. Willoughby of San Angelo, Tex., first vice-president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and vice-president of the National Wool Growers, has been named by Governor Beauford H. Jester to a six-year term on the state livestock sanitary commission. Claude K. McCan of Victoria, a member of the American National's executive committee, is also a member of the commission.

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You remember that I told you we drilled crested wheat grass on one 160-acre pasture. Well we got a pretty fair stand and it is doing good though it is not ready for heavy grazing. We have that little bunch of pure bred whitefaces on it that the women folks bought at the stock show in Denver. They also decided we should have some grain to feed the calves so we put in about 70 acres of barley this spring. Ever thing on the ranch is in tip top shape.

I said nothing had happened around the bunk house worth telling. I forgot one thing. A few days ago at the breakfast table Mollie and Hazel told Tex and me to get ready to go to Denver. We were sure surprised. We drove over there and after a good meal at the cafe they took us up to an office where a pale looking little friendly man talked to us for a couple of hours or more. He dived into our past lives and asked us a lot of silly questions. He then said he had been psycho analyzing us. Calling the women in he then said: Ladies, it is almost hope-

less. They have lived alone and practically wild, as it were, for such a long period of time that they cannot be domesticated without some drastic change in their mode of living. He said they (meaning Tex and me) have partially reverted to a semi-savage state like a bob cat, or an orangutang; how ever they are both well preserved and fit men, only extremely tanned and leather skinned from long exposure to western sun and weather.

I would suggest, he said to Hazel, that you take your man on an extended honey moon, perhaps to some south sea isle, as these two characters must be separated. If a tropical moon does not make a husband out of him in less than six months I am a china man. He will become docile and tame. By the time you return, this other man, meaning Tex, will probably be used to the society of womankind and be nearly a normal person, ready and willing to assume and fulfill all the obligations he repeated at the marriage altar. He talked as serious as the judge does in town when he would say to me: This will be ten and costs, but he sure didn't look the same.

If Tex is sap enough to be psycho analyzed to a coconut grove it is jake with me. I am not going.

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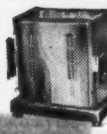
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Oct. 8-15—National Aberdeen-Angus Show, Dallas, Tex.
Oct. 27-28—Chicago Feeder Cattle Show and Sale, Chicago.
JAN. 5-7, 1950—53RD ANNUAL CONVENTION, AMERICAN NATIONAL LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION, MIAMI, FLORIDA.
Jan. 13-21—National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colo.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT

	New York	June 21, 1949	June 21, 1948
Steer—Choice	\$41.00-43.00	\$54.50-56.50
Steer—Good	39.00-42.00	53.50-56.00
Cow—Commercial	32.00-35.00	41.00-45.00
Veal—Choice	38.00-42.00	42.00-46.00
Veal—Good	35.00-38.00	39.00-43.00
Lamb—Choice	46.00-50.00	58.00-62.00
Lamb—Good	40.00-45.00	55.00-59.00
Ewe—Commercial	16.00-19.00	20.00-23.00
Pork Loin—8-12 lbs.	45.00-47.00	50.00-52.00

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK PRICES

	June 20, 1949	June 28, 1948
Steers—Choice	\$25.50-28.25	\$36.00-39.10
Steers—Good	24.50-26.50	33.50-37.00
Steers—Medium	22.00-25.00	23.00-34.50
Vealers—Gd.-Ch.	23.50-25.00	25.00-28.00
Calves—Gd.-Ch.	23.00-25.00	24.00-25.00
F.&S. Strs.—Gd.-Ch.	22.75-26.50	28.50-29.00
F.&S. Strs.—Cm.Md.	19.00-23.00	25.00-31.00
Hogs—(180-240 lbs.) ..	20.75-21.50	20.00-24.50
Lambs—Gd.-Ch., shn.	22.50-23.50	26.50-27.50
Ewes—Gd.-Ch.	8.00- 9.50	9.50-11.25

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

	June 1 1949	May 1 1949	June 1 1948	June 1 Avg.
Frozen Beef	77,170	95,867	86,931	151,523
Cured Beef	10,330	11,731	9,824	7,607
Total Pork	473,068	545,231	580,056	480,492
Lamb, Mutton	7,411	9,864	7,665	11,288
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Pork Fat	128,044	138,216	150,660	179,896
Total Poultry	77,571	89,205	117,935	148,113

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	May 1949	11 Mos. Ended May 1949	1948
Cattle	1,025	877	12,077
Calves	510	509	6,216
Hogs	3,721	3,562	45,318
Sheep	761	978	12,993

Obituaries

Miles G. Bivins: Prominent Texas cattleman, at his home in Amarillo. Mr. Bivins, who was 60 when he died, was a native Texan, member of a pioneer cattle-raising family; he was first vice-president of the Amarillo Stock Show and a director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

J. H. Nason: Long-time prominent member of the American National, at Spearfish, S. D. A former vice-president of the association, he was voted a lifetime membership at last year's convention.

A. J. Knollin: At his home in Walla Walla, Wash., on May 4. Mr. Knollin was associated with the National Wool Growers from 1901 to 1919.

Ed T. Ross: At Gordon, Nebr., age 87. The pioneer rancher was one of the incorporators of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association.

H. L. Kokernot, Sr.: Former executive committeeman of the American National, at San Antonio, Tex. He was for many years an active member and strong supporter of the association.

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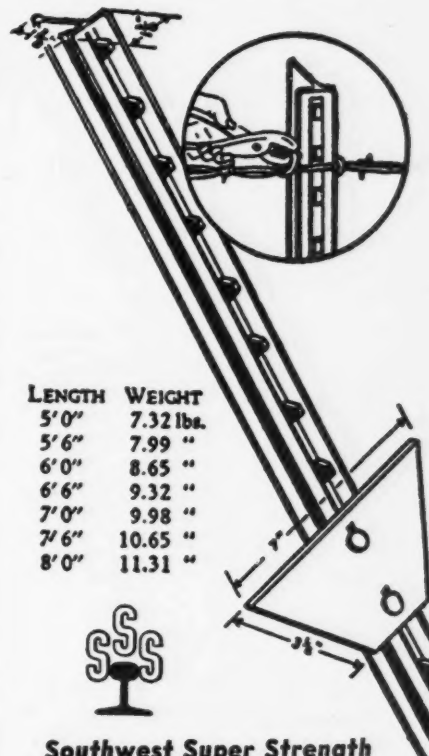


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